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正しい恋愛のススメ(特別番外編)
(コーラス 96年4月号)

コーラス シリーズ

I CAN'T REALLY SAY I'M DISSATISFIED ABOUT ANY-THING, BUT I JUST THINK THAT... LIFE IS BORING

MY NAME IS... HIROAKI TAKEDA

LIVED FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS BUT BELIEVES THAT LIFE ISN'T REALLY THAT BIG OF A DEAL

HOBBIES NONE AT THE MOMENT, BUT DID HAVE A PASSING INTEREST LAST YEAR IN SHOUGI.

CURRENTLY HAS A VERY CUTE GIRLFRIEND.

GRADES ABOVE AVERAGE

NOTE: SHOUGI IS JAPANESE CHESS

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EH?
HEY, HIROAKI. ISN'T THAT THE CLASS PRESIDENT FOR YOUR CLASS?
Totally suspicious looking!

HIS LAST NAME'S GOKO-KUJI?
THEN WHAT'S HIS FIRST?
NO IDEA.
HM
HE'S A PRETTY GOOD LOOKING GUY...
BUT...
WHAT'S HIS NAME AGAIN?
GOKO-KUJI
WHAT? MIHO, YOU LIKE HIS TYPE?
I'LL BET YOU ANY-THING THAT WOMAN ISN'T HIS GIRL-FRIEND...
IT JUST DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT!
GOKO-KUJI!

AKI-RA!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME!
HIRO-AKI
IS THAT YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?

SEE? TOLD YOU SO
I CAN'T BELI-EVE IT!
SO ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
YEAH... BUT I'M REALLY A LITTLE SHOCKED
THE IMPRES-SION AKIRA GOKOKUJI GIVES ME AT SCHOOL IS REALLY DIFFERENT FROM JUST NOW
SO... WHERE TO?
YUMIKO SAID THE HOTEL SHE WENT TO LAST TIME WAS PRETTY INTEREST-ING
LET'S GO THERE! THERE'S STUDENT DISCOUNT TOO I HEAR
WELL OKAY
BUT IT SOUNDS KIND OF KINKY DOESN'T IT?

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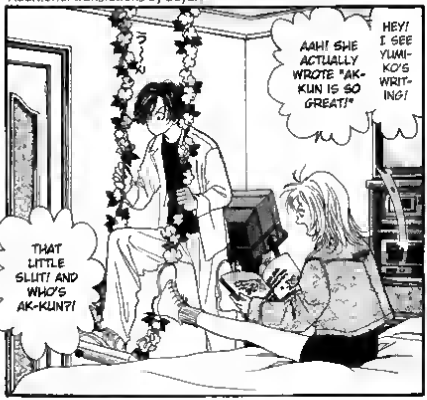
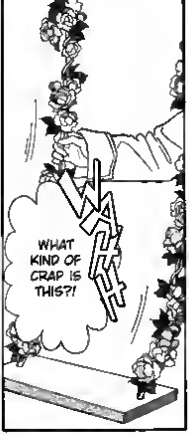
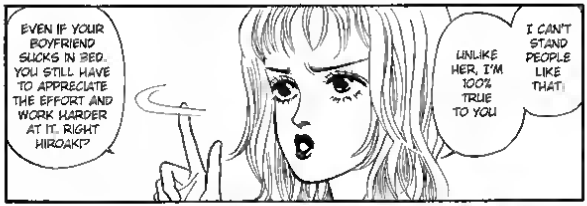
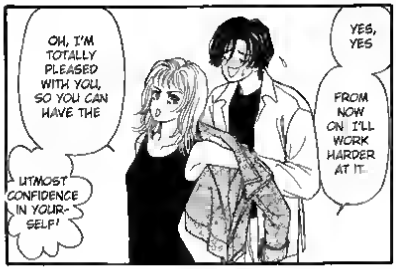





I CAN'T STAND PEOPLE LIKE THAT!
UNLIKE HER, I'M 100% TRUE TO YOU!
EVEN IF YOUR BOYFRIEND SUCKS IN BED, YOU STILL HAVE TO APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AND WORK HARDER AT IT. RIGHT HIROAKI?



EVEN THOUGH

THAT'S THE WAY I THINK MOST OF THE TIME...

BUT, NO MATTER
HOW MANY TIMES I'VE
THOUGHT THIS THROUGH

I CAN'T HELP BUT HAVE
A FEELING THAT A WOMAN'S
RECOLLECTION OF MAKING LOVE
IS ALWAYS SWEETER THAN A MAN'S

USUALLY I DON'T REALLY THINK
THAT WAY, BUT SOMETIMES WHEN
I'M LYING ON A BED— I WONDER
HOW IT'D FEEL LIKE TO BE A WOMAN

IT CAN'T BE THAT
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO
THINKS THIS WAY! CAN IT?

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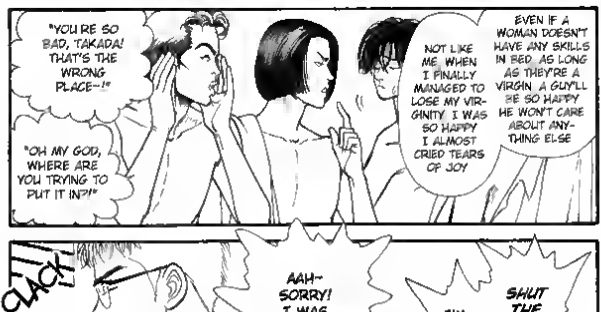
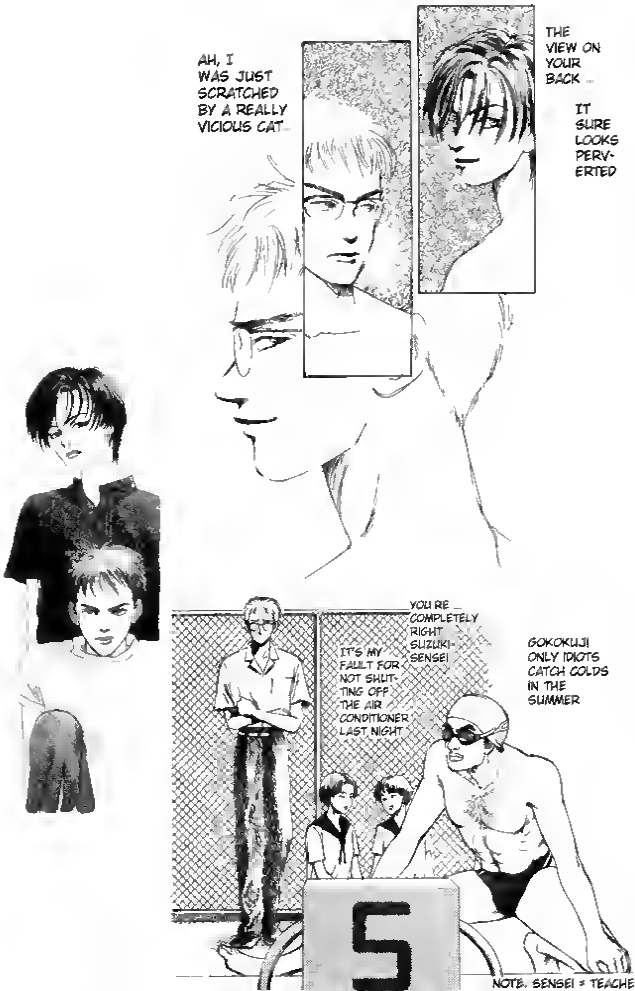
WE GOTTA PAY FOR THE DATES, WE GOTTA PAY FOR THE HOTEL ROOMS WE GOTTA DO ALL THE WORK IN BED, AND WE CAN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING WHEN THEY BITCH AT US!
IT'S TOTALLY TOO UNFAIR FOR US!
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT
ALL THEY GOTTA DO IS THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES!
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S SO EASY BEING A WOMAN!


"YOU'RE SO BAD, TAKADA! THAT'S THE WRONG PLACE~!"
"OH MY GOD, WHERE ARE YOU TRYING TO PUT IT IN?!"
NOT LIKE ME. WHEN I FINALLY MANAGED TO LOSE MY VIRGINITY I WAS SO HAPPY I ALMOST CRIED TEARS OF JOY
EVEN IF A WOMAN DOESN'T HAVE ANY SKILLS IN BED, AS LONG AS THEY'RE A VIRGIN A GUY'LL BE SO HAPPY HE WON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE

AW, SHIT! THAT GUY SUZUKI IS AN ASSHOLE TOO!
YOU DO KNOW THAT ANYONE WHO'S NOT LINED UP FOR GYM CLASS BY THE TIME THAT BELL RINGS HAS TO DO SQUATS ALL AROUND THE GYM, RIGHT?
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE HE'S THE CLASS PRESIDENT AND ALL. HE ONLY KNOWS HOW TO STUDY
I BET YOU HE'S STILL A VIRGIN. PROBABLY CAN'T GET A GIRL EITHER
EVERY-TIME WE'RE TALKING HE NEVER JOINS IN.
I REALLY DON'T GET GOKO-KUJI
OH? IF THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS ARE THINKING,
THEN YOU'RE DEFINITELY WRONG.
THAT KIND OF GUY NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT HIM, HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A VIRGIN TO ME
WHEN THE SWIMMING POOL FIRST OPENED
I SAW TWO LONG SCRATCH MARKS ON HIS BACK


AH, I WAS JUST SCRATCHED BY A REALLY VICIOUS CAT...
THE VIEW ON YOUR BACK...
IT SURE LOOKS PERV-ERTED
YOU'RE COMPLETELY RIGHT SUZUKI-SENSEI
IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT SHUT-TING OFF THE AIR CONDITIONER LAST NIGHT
GOKOKUJI ONLY IDIOTS CATCH COLDS IN THE SUMMER
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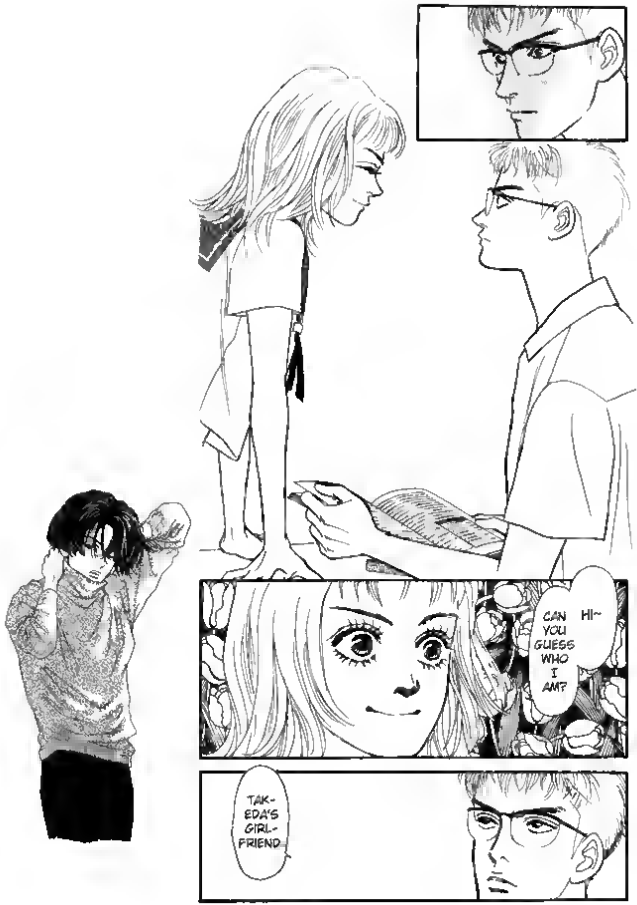
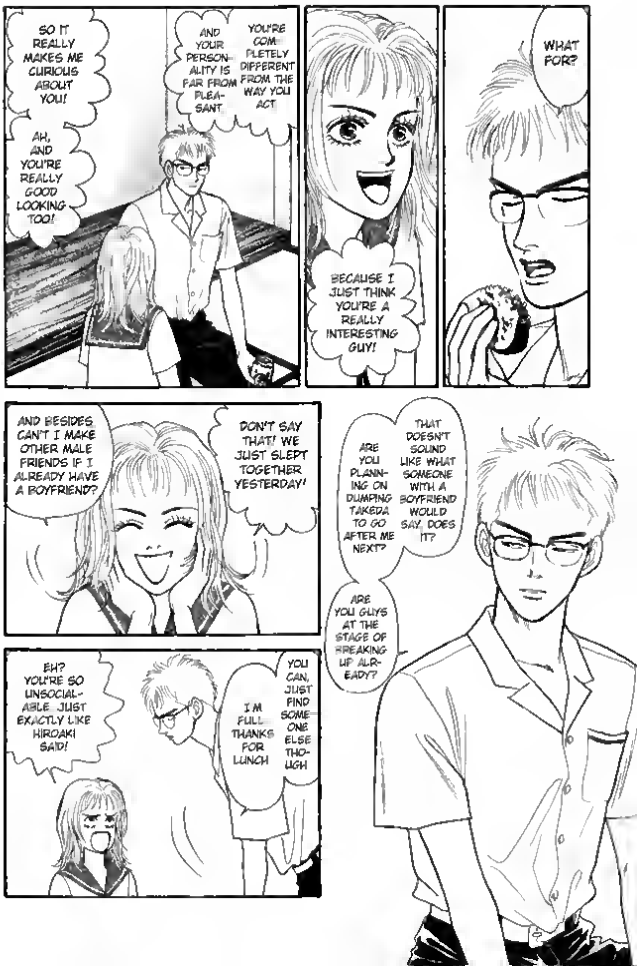
NOTE: SENSEI = TEACHER

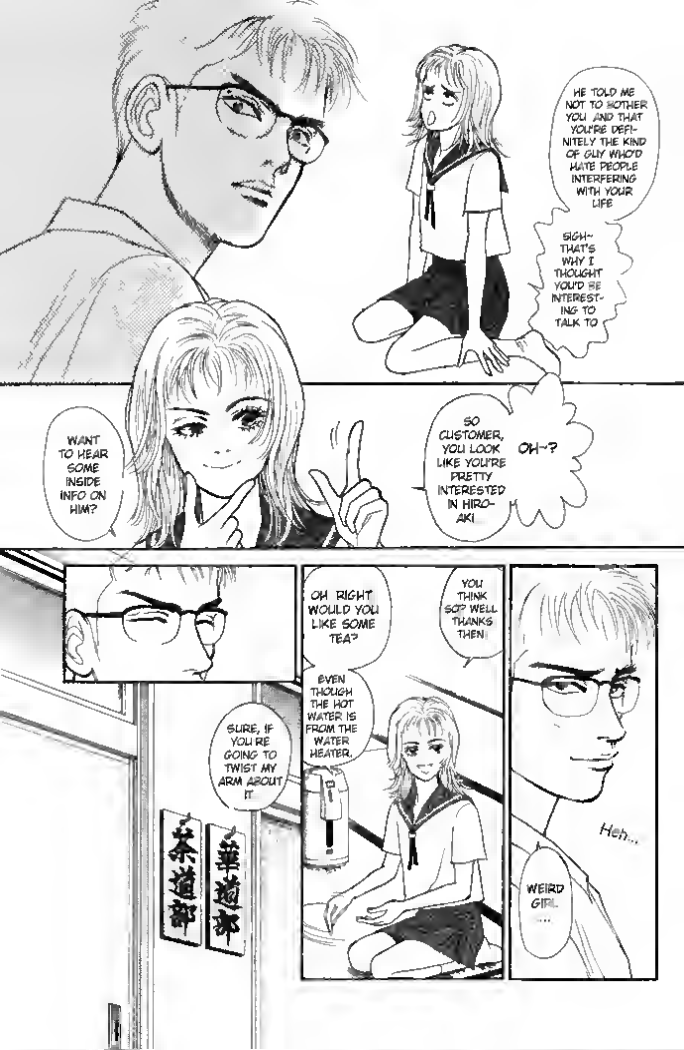
LEARN FROM YOUR OTHER CLASSMATES FIND A GIRLY TO PLAY WITH AND THEN SEE IF THAT DOESN'T CHANGE YOUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE
Yeah! I got dumped because I didn't have enough virility!
HAHAHAHA!
Right on sensei!
VIRILITY IS A MAN'S GREATEST STRENGTH DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?
OY GOKOKUJI... DON'T JUST READ BOOKS ALL THE TIME
Sensei, what do you mean by that~
FORGET IT, WHAT YOU DO IS YOUR BUSINESS
THAT GUY REALLY KNOWS HOW TO ACT
Don't just "um..."!
Haha, what is he doing?
YOU UNDERSTAND, GOKOKUJI?
WELL, UM.
But I imagine it has to be hard to keep up with your goody two shoes class president image with it
Even though I have no idea what's going on with your back, and it's none of my business anyway...


HI~
CAN YOU GUESS WHO I AM?
TAK-EDA'S GIRL-FRIEND.

I MADE SOME LUNCH. LET'S EAT TOGETHER!
MY NAME'S MIHO KOISUMI, NICE TO MEET YOU!
BINGO!
I'LL MAKE YOU SOME TEA
LET'S HEAD TO THE TEA ROOM THEN.
OKAY!
I FEEL LIKE CURRY TODAY ANYWAY.
WHY DON'T YOU GUYS GO EAT?
HIROAKI I WANNA HAVE LUNCH WITH GOKOKUJI TODAY WHAT ABOUT YOU?
HER COOKING IS PRETTY GOOD

HMM. I WASN'T SURE WHAT YOU LIKED, SO I MADE A BUNCH WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK.
AND SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU DON'T LIKE?
AREN'T YOU A BIT TOO TOLERANT?
I'D BE PISSED AS HELL IF IT WAS ME
SHE'S FLIRTING WITH ANOTHER GUY RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU!
ISN'T MIHO OVERDOING IT A LITTLE?
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? IT'S JUST LUNCH.
SMILE!
I JUST WANTED TO BE FRIENDS WITH YOU!
AHH, NO IT'S REALLY NOT LIKE THAT~
IS THAT ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW?
I'M NOT PICKY


SO IT REALLY MAKES ME CURIOUS ABOUT YOU!
AH, AND YOU'RE REALLY GOOD LOOKING TOO!
AND YOUR PERSONALITY IS FAR FROM PLEASANT.
YOU'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE WAY YOU ACT.
BECAUSE I JUST THINK YOU'RE A REALLY INTERESTING GUY!
WHAT FOR?
AND BESIDES CAN'T I MAKE OTHER MALE FRIENDS IF I ALREADY HAVE A BOYFRIEND?
DON'T SAY THAT! WE JUST SLEPT TOGETHER YESTERDAY!
EH? YOU'RE SO UNSOCIABLE. JUST EXACTLY LIKE HIROAKI SAID!
I'M FULL. THANKS FOR LUNCH
YOU CAN, JUST FIND SOMEONE ELSE THOUGH
ARE YOU GUYS AT THE STAGE OF BREAKING UP ALREADY?
ARE YOU PLANNING ON DUMPING TAKEDA TO GO AFTER ME NEXT?
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE WHAT SOMEONE WITH A BOYFRIEND WOULD SAY, DOES IT?


HE TOLD ME NOT TO BOTHER YOU AND THAT YOU'RE DEFINITELY THE KIND OF GUY WHO'D HATE PEOPLE INTERFERING WITH YOUR LIFE
SIGH~ THAT'S WHY I THOUGHT YOU'D BE INTERESTING TO TALK TO
SO CUSTOMER, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE PRETTY INTERESTED IN HIRO-AKI
OH~?
WANT TO HEAR SOME INSIDE INFO ON HIM?
YOU THINK SO? WELL THANKS THEN!
OH RIGHT WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
EVEN THOUGH THE HOT WATER IS FROM THE WATER HEATER.
SURE, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TWIST MY ARM ABOUT IT
Heh...
WEIRD GIRL...
華道部
茶道部

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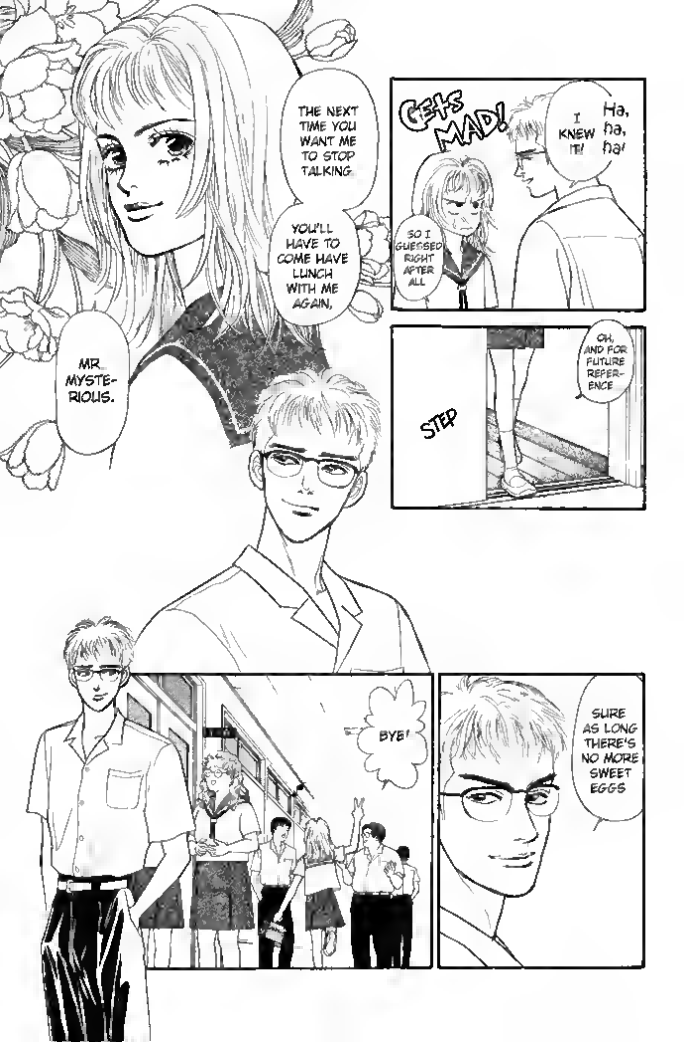
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TEACH HIROAKI BUT HE JUST IGNORES ME WHEN I TRY TO
I'M IMPRESSED! YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO MAKE TEA!
NOT BAD AT ALL!
I JUST KNOW A LITTLE BIT.
IS THAT HOW YOU MANAGED TO SEDUCE TAKEDA?
CAN I TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES?
HMM~ YOU REALLY ARE A MYSTERIOUS GUY, GOKOKUJI
AS LONG AS THEY DON'T HATE YOU, I'M SURE PLENTY OF OTHER GUYS FELL FOR IT
HIROAKI'S REALLY GOOD LOOKING AND HE'S GOOD IN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING EXCEPT HE'S TOO EASY GOING
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HE NEVER REJECTED ME SIMPLY BECAUSE HE WAS TOO LAZY TO
HM. NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I THINK WE STARTED GOING OUT ONLY BECAUSE I WAS INTERESTED IN HIM.


THE NEXT TIME YOU WANT ME TO STOP TALKING
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME HAVE LUNCH WITH ME AGAIN,
MR. MYSTERIOUS.
SHE'S MAD!
I KNEW IT!
Ha, ha, ha!
SO I GUESSED RIGHT AFTER ALL
STEP
OH, AND FOR FUTURE REFERENCE
BYE!
SURE AS LONG THERE'S NO MORE SWEET EGGS

SO THE FOOD WAS GOOD?
BUT...
SHE WAS REALLY NOISY
RIGHT?
YOU'RE NOT WORRIED AT ALL?
YOU REALLY ARE EASY GOING
AND I HAVE A TALENT OF HANDLING VICIOUS CATS
YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S PRETTY CUTE
IT WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE RIGHT?
WITH A PERSONALITY LIKE HERS. EVEN IF I WORRY,
BUT IF YOU PLAN ON TURNING HER DOWN, BE SURE TO GIVE ME A HEADS UP BECAUSE I THINK SHE'LL DEFINITELY CRY FOR THREE DAYS STRAIGHT

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WELL, UM...
I'M REALLY FLATTERED, BUT I ALREADY HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
B-BUT I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU,
SO IT'S ENOUGH THAT YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL
WHEN I KNEW THAT WE WERE ON LIBRARY DUTY TOGETHER, I WAS SO HAPPY
I KNOW... KOIBUMI FROM CLASS C...

YOU'RE REALLY CUTE AND YOU'RE ALSO THE TYPE I LIKE BUT FOR NOW, ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT I'M SORRY
IF I DIDN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, I REALLY WOULD HAVE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED
THANK YOU...
I UNDERSTAND
CAN'T YOU KISS ME?
THIS WAY I CAN GIVE UP
OR YOU WON'T KISS ME BECAUSE YOU FEEL SAD FOR YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
THEN KISS ME...
HE'S PRETTY GOOD AT SWEET TALKING
WHAT? HE'S NOT GOING TO DO IT...
AND IT ISN'T THE RIGHT THING TO DO...
YEAH, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE A GOOD IDEA

WHOA...
SO THAT'S WHY
PLEASE KEEP THIS A SECRET FOR ME
<SFX RUNNING FOOTSTEPS>
Sure... sure! No problem.
C-COULD YOU CLOSE THE DOOR?
T-THANK YOU, TAKEDA-KUN!"
BUSH
MM...
NOT BAD AT ALL

ANYWAY, CAN I BORROW THIS?
IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT I COULDN'T HAVE JUST WALKED OUT, COULD I?
SURE YOU CAN.
A POLITICAL SCIENCE BOOK THIS TIME? YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO PICK THEM.
WHAT? CHEATING DOESN'T SUIT YOU?
I WAS WONDERING WHO IT WAS HIDING THERE
EVEN IF I WANTED CHEAT, I'D FIND A BETTER PERSON TO DO IT WITH
I CAN'T STAND INNOCENT DEVOTED GIRLS THE MOST
ONCE THEY GET TO YOU, THEY STICK LIKE GLUE AND DON'T EVEN GIVE YOU ANY ROOM TO BREATHE.
IT'S NOT THAT I HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST CHEATING. IT'S JUST THAT I THINK IT'S TOO TROUBLE-SOME
AND BESIDES, MIHO SUITS ME

I'M JUST A LITTLE MISCHIEVOUS AND A LITTLE LAZY, BUT THAT'S ALL NORMAL, ISN'T IT?
BUT I DON'T HAVE A SPLIT PERSONALITY OR ANYTHING
AW, THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT
Here you go
TAKEDA
NICE ATTITUDE YOU'VE GOT THERE
NORMAL
JUST WHERE EXACTLY ARE YOU NORMAL?
IT WAS PRETTY INTERESTING TODAY. MAYBE WE CAN CHAT ABOUT OUR FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS NEXT TIME
DON'T FORGET TO CLOSE UP
IF YOU'RE CONSIDERED NORMAL, THEN WHAT AM I?

AS LONG AS I'M STILL ALIVE, THE FUTURE ISN'T THAT BIG OF A DEAL.
YOU'RE NOT NORMAL AT ALL
BUT I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THE FUTURE.
HEH, SURE WE CAN CHAT ABOUT IT
THAT WAY OF THINKING IS WHAT MAKES IT DULL
Heh!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST WAIT FOR OTHERS TO DECIDE EVERY-THING FOR YOU, TAKEDA?
HOW BORING WOULD IT BE IF YOU CAN'T EVEN TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR OWN LIFE?
DAMN IT!
THAT GUY PISSES ME OFF!

SO EVEN YOU GET MAD ONCE IN A WHILE!
MY GOD, THAT'S SO WEIRD!
YOU ALWAYS LOOK LIKE YOU WOULDN'T CARE EVEN IF THE SKY STARTED FALLING
YUP!
MIHO
AM I REALLY THAT EASY GOING?
ANYWAY, IT'S JUST LIKE YOU HAVE THIS "WHATEVER, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO DIE IF I DO THIS. IT'S JUST A LITTLE ANNOYING" ATTITUDE TOWARDS EVERYTHING.
"DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SEX?" "SURE, WHATEVER."
"DO YOU WANT TO EAT?" "SURE, WHATEVER."
"DO YOU WANT TO GO SHOPPING?" "SURE, WHATEVER."
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT TOO BAD, BUT YOU ALWAYS HAVE THIS EXPRESSION THAT SAYS "WHATEVER" ON YOUR FACE

I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT I HANDLED MY LIFE PRETTY WELL. BUT I GUESS IT ISN'T TRUE
SO THAT'S HOW OTHER PEOPLE SEE ME AS...
DON'T JOKE AROUND ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT
WAH HA HA HA!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF EXPRESSION YOU'D HAVE ON YOUR FACE IF I GOT PREGNANT
DO I HAVE FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS?
SURE. I'VE GOT TONS!
I WANT TO BE A MANGA SCRIPT EDITOR!
OR ONE FOR A POPULAR MAGAZINE!
MAYBE A TOURIST GUIDE
OR A POP STAR MANAGER!
A TEA CEREMONY TEACHER!
BEING A BRIDE WOULD BE NICE TOO
BEING A BAR OWNER WOULD BE REALLY COOL!
A NEWS REPORTER!
OR THE OWNER OF A CUTE CAFE!
OR A LEADING LADY FOR ONE OF THE NIGHTCLUBS IN GINZA!
OR ELSE I COULD BE A FOOD CRITIC
OR AN INTERIOR DESIGNER!

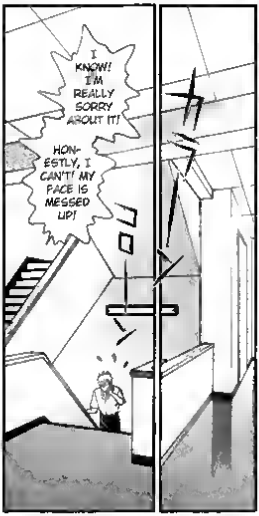
<SFX REALIZATION>
I HAVE SO MANY I CAN'T EVEN COUNT THEM ALL!
DOESN'T IT CONFUSE YOU TO HAVE SO MANY DREAMS THOUGH?
NO WAY, DREAMS ARE JUST DREAMS BESIDES WOULDN'T LIFE BE BORING IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH OF THEM?
IF I DIDN'T HAVE ANY DREAMS OR HOPES AT ALL THEN I'D BE LIKE AN OLD BAG LADY, JUST WAITING TO ROT AWAY AND DIE...

IT LOOKS LIKE I'M REALLY SOMEONE WITHOUT ANY HOPES OR DREAMS AT ALL
I'VE ALWAYS FELT THAT LIFE WAS BORING... MAYBE I AM AN OLD MAN WAITING TO ROT AWAY AND DIE AFTER ALL
BUT EVEN WITH THAT BEING SAID...
I WON'T ACTUALLY DIE IF I CONTINUED MY LIFE LIKE THIS SO MAYBE THAT'S WHY I'M THE WAY I AM.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
Now that I think of it, other than wanting to go to the moon,
Or becoming a football quarterback when I was kid...
I'D LIKE TO COMPLETELY CHANGE FROM MYSELF FROM THE PAST
AND BECOME A BRAND NEW HIROAKI TAKEDA
JOSE ORTEGA
OCCASIONALLY I'D LIKE TO BE DIFFERENT TOO,
AND I REALIZE THAT MAY BE A DREAM ALL IN ITSELF
A LITTLE STUPID, VERY ROMANTIC, PASSIONIATE AND STUBBORN
PUKE~ I'M GETTING SICK JUST IMAGINING MYSELF LIKE THAT

On and on, they walked
They now came upon more and...
WHAT THE HELL
I'M GETTING ANNOYED JUST LOOKING AT HIM.
Yes, I have. But it was five years ago
Sounds good!
Have you ever been to USA or England?
BLAH! BLAH!
AHH!
WAH! OH CRAP!
SIGH
I REALLY AM LACKING EXCITEMENT IN MY LIFE
NO MATTER WHETHER IT'S ANTICIPATION, EXCITEMENT OR WORRY, I'D REALLY LIKE TO EXPERIENCE THEM ALL

<SFX: CRASH>
A BALL FLEW IN!
W-WHAT'S GOING ON?!
AHHH!

I'VE ALREADY SPOKEN TO A DOCTOR FOR YOU. ALSO HIS NAME IS NODA, AN OLD STUDENT OF MINE.
BUT I STILL THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL AND GET IT CHECKED OUT.
I'VE PRETTY MUCH DONE ALL I CAN FOR YOU.


I KNOW! I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT IT!
HONESTLY, I CAN'T! MY FACE IS MESSED UP!

ARE YOU LISTENING, GOKOKUJI?
HURRY UP AND GO ALREADY!
WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN TODAY!
MY FACE THIS IS REALLY BAD

Anyway... I'm going to hang up now. Call you later
DON'T GET MAD! IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT!
I TOLD YOU I CAN'T! I'VE GOT BANDAGES ALL OVER MY FACE
HIROSHI? NO, HE LOOKS TOO BUFF...
ISN'T THERE ANYONE ELSE?

TAKE-DA!

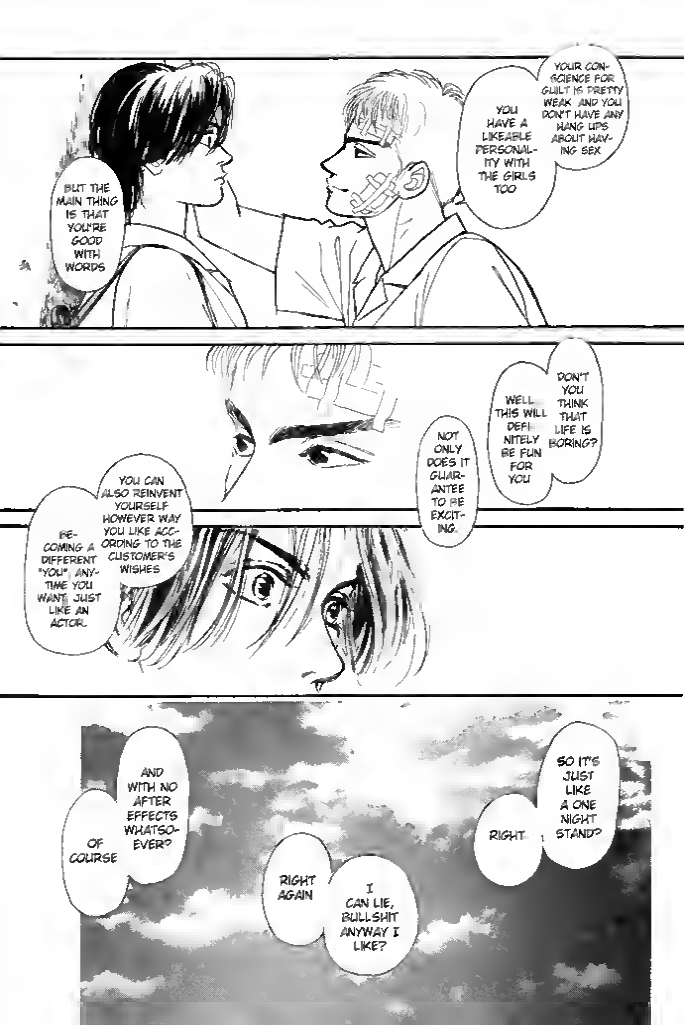
So what are we doing today?
Him

WHAT?
YOU WANNA CONFESS YOUR LOVE TO ME?
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU PLAN ON DOING NO THANKS I'M NOT INTO GUYS
THIS GUY...
WHAT EXACTLY IS HE TRYING TO PULL?
I DO.
WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR TO-DAY?
EAT, SLEEP, BATHE WATCH TELEVI-SION,
WHAT DO YOU WANT? HURRY UP AND SPILL IT ALREADY
DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPERI-ENCE WITH VIRGINS?
IF NOT, THEN THIS'LL BE WHERE I STOP.
AND I APOLO-GIZE IN ADVANCE FOR CALL-ING YOU HERE

DO YOU WANT A PART TIME JOB?
OVER-NIGHT FOR FIFTY THOU-SAND
AND IN ADDITION, A PAID FULL COURSE DINNER.
NOTE: 50,000 YEN IS APPROXIMATELY 427 US DOLLARS
FIFTY THOU-SAND?!
SO HOW WAS IT IN THE END?
IT WAS OKAY
BUT TO BE HONEST IT WAS A PAIN IN THE ASS, FIGU-RATIVELY SPEAKING
WHAT? YOU WANT TO HEAR WORDS OF WISDOM FROM A SEMPAI OR SOME-THING?
WHAT KIND OF JOB IS THIS?
PROS-TITU-TION?
NO, WE SELL LOVE
IT'S JUST THAT OUR BODIES ARE A BIT EXTRA.

You said it yourself with your friends earlier.
Women have more advantages than a man, and it really is unfair.
Dates need money. Hotels need money. You basically need money for everything.
But with this job, you put in the same amount of effort as you regularly do on a date and instead you get paid for it. Not bad, huh?
It's not really that simple, is it?
What if the woman turns out to be a complete ugly pig?
I wouldn't have the right to say no to her, would I?
Usually you'd have the right to refuse them, but not today.
Because the customer is someone who wants to lose her virginity.
Originally this one was my job, but with my face like this it's bound to spoil the experience for her.
And who knows, it might even permanently scar her.

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS GUY
HE ACTUALLY HAS THIS KIND OF JOB
WHAT EXACTLY WOULD HIS BE CALLED ANYWAY?
MAYBE MORE OF A RENT-A-LOVER SORT OF THING
WHY
WHY ME?
IS MY HEART BEATING SO FAST?
IF THIS GETS OUT WOULDN'T YOU BE IN DEEP SHIT?
GULP!
SO?
DO YOU WANT THE JOB? OR NOT?
YOU BETTER DECIDE SOON IF NOT, I STILL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE. TIME IS RUNNING OUT
BECAUSE YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO CAN DEFINITELY DO IT


BUT THE MAIN THING IS THAT YOU'RE GOOD WITH WORDS
YOU HAVE A LIKEABLE PERSONALITY WITH THE GIRLS TOO
YOUR CONSCIENCE FOR GUILT IS PRETTY WEAK AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY HANG UPS ABOUT HAVING SEX
DON'T YOU THINK THAT LIFE IS BORING?
WELL THIS WILL DEFINITELY BE FUN FOR YOU
NOT ONLY DOES IT GUARANTEE TO BE EXCITING.
YOU CAN ALSO REINVENT YOURSELF HOWEVER WAY YOU LIKE ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMER'S WISHES
BECOMING A DIFFERENT "YOU" ANYTIME YOU WANT, JUST LIKE AN ACTOR.
SO IT'S JUST LIKE A ONE NIGHT STAND?
RIGHT
AND WITH NO AFTER EFFECTS WHATSOEVER?
OF COURSE
I CAN LIE, BULLSHIT ANYWAY I LIKE?
RIGHT AGAIN

OKAY. I'LL DO IT.
SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE PRETTY INTERESTING.
WE'VE GOT A DEAL THEN.
EXCITING ENOUGH FOR YOU?
HA HA HA HA!
And you stuck your tongue in my mouth too! Bastard!!
WHAT THE FUCK! THAT WAS MY FIRST KISS WITH A MAN!!
<SFX: HUH? HUH? HUH??

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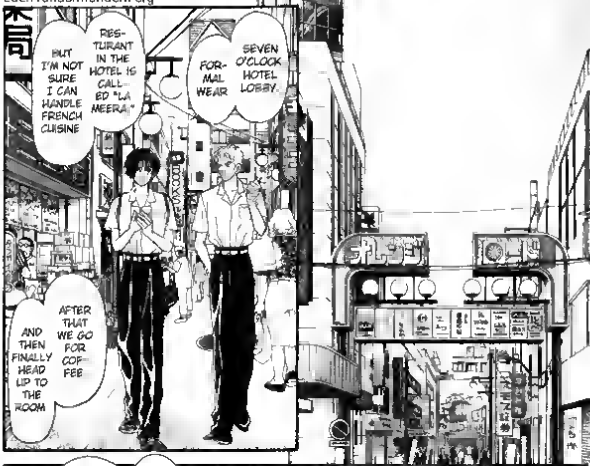
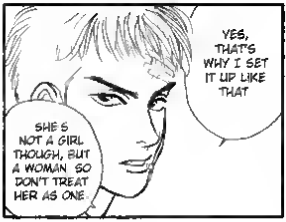

SEVEN O'CLOCK HOTEL LOBBY.
FOR-MAL WEAR
RES-TURANT IN THE HOTEL IS CALL-ED "LA MEERA."
BUT I'M NOT SURE I CAN HANDLE FRENCH CUISINE
AFTER THAT WE GO FOR COF-FEE
AND THEN FINALLY HEAD UP TO THE ROOM

ALSO I NEED TO GET THE KEY FROM THE FRONT DESK BEFORE I MEET UP WITH HER GOT IT
BUT GOKO-KUJI, WILL IT REALLY BE ALL RIGHT IF I USE MY REAL NAME?
IT'LL BE FINE
JUST LOOK FOR A LADY IN A RED DRESS WITH PEARLS AROUND HER NECK BE SURE NOT TO GET THE WRONG PERSON
HER NAME S MICHIKO YAMA-MOTO, BUT I'M GUESSING THAT'S FAKE



I BET SHE HOPES THE GUY IS A BIT YOUNGER THAN HER, SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T STINK OF MASCULINITY
A NICE GENTLE GUY SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE HER IDEAL MAN, TAKEDA.
EH?
SHE'S PROBABLY SOME OFFICE LADY WHO DOESN'T GO OUT WITH ANY OF THE MEN AROUND HER,
AND ON HER 30TH BIRTHDAY SHE'S FINALLY DECIDED TO GET RID OF HER VIRGIN STATUS
A BIT YOUNGER THAN HER?
I'M ONLY SEVEN TEEN!
SHE'S OLDER THAN ME BY THIRTEEN YEARS!!
LOVE KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES AND LOVE IS WHAT WE SELL!
HE SURE TO LEAVE HER WITH A SWEET MEMORY OF HER FIRST EXPERIENCE!
I'M HEADING TO THE HOSPITAL NOW. LATER!
A THIRTY YEAR OLD OFFICE LADY WHO'S STILL A VIRGIN
I BETTER THINK UP OF A GOOD IDEA ON HOW TO HANDLE HER.
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
IT FEELS AS IF IT'S ABOUT TO JUMP OUT OF MY CHEST AT ANY MINUTE NOW...
MY HEART WON'T STOP BEATING SO FAST.
WELL AT LEAST I CAN'T SAY THIS ISN'T EXCITING

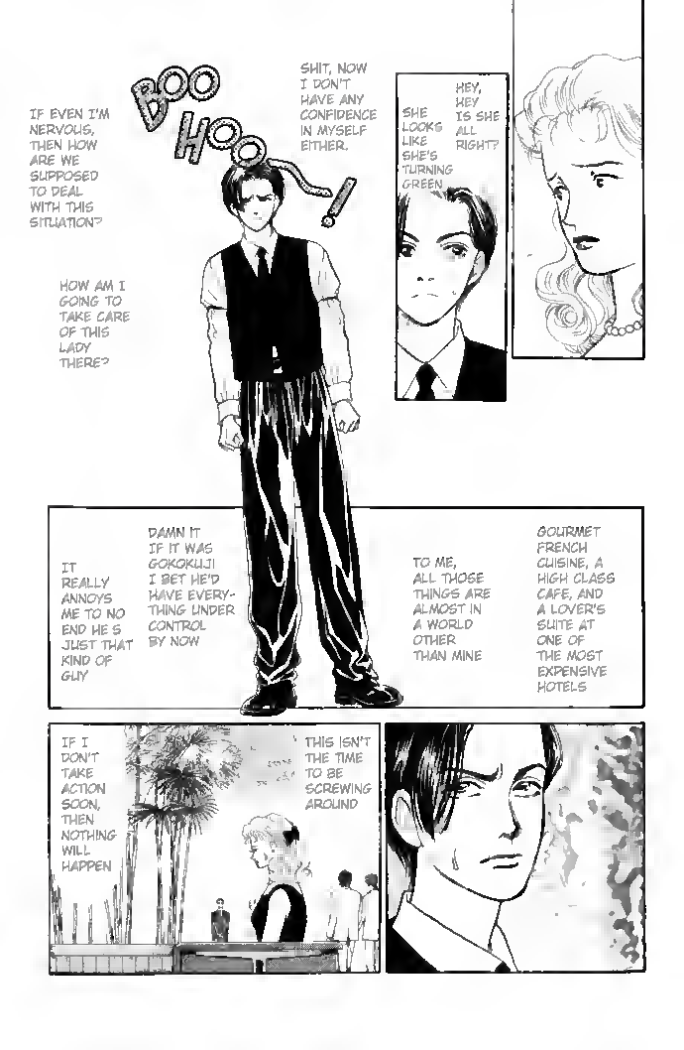
Thirty years old Office Lady. Still a virgin.
No experience whatsoever with dating. Sounds like this is going to be tough.
I don't know if this will be formal enough..
And if it's French cuisine, then we'll definitely need to pick out a wine...
What am I going to do..?
I'm more nervous right now than I was for my own first time...

BUT NOW THAT I THINK OF IT... UNDER THIS KIND OF SITUATION, ANYONE WOULD BE FREAKING OUT!

GEEZ~ SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S SCARED STIFF

Whew! Thank God she looks normal...

I was almost worried for a minute there that she'd turn out to be big fat hairy gorilla


IF EVEN I'M NERVOUS, THEN HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DEAL WITH THIS SITUATION?
BOO HOO!
SHIT, NOW I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF EITHER.
HOW AM I GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THIS LADY THERE?
SHE LOOKS LIKE SHE'S TURNING GREEN
HEY, HEY IS SHE ALL RIGHT?
IT REALLY ANNOYS ME TO NO END HE'S JUST THAT KIND OF GUY
DAMN IT IF IT WAS GOKOKUJI I BET HE'D HAVE EVERY-THING UNDER CONTROL BY NOW
TO ME, ALL THOSE THINGS ARE ALMOST IN A WORLD OTHER THAN MINE
GOURMET FRENCH CUISINE, A HIGH CLASS CAFE, AND A LOVER'S SUITE AT ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE HOTELS
IF I DON'T TAKE ACTION SOON, THEN NOTHING WILL HAPPEN
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE SCREWING AROUND

Telephone
IN THE PAST, I NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEMS BECAUSE ALL THE GIRLS WENT AFTER ME NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND
SIGH IF I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS I WOULD TRIED TO PICK UP SOME GIRLS AND PRACTICED IN ADVANCE
HEH VERY WELL
THIS DATE... IS IT POSSIBLE TO CALL IT OFF?
IT'S ME, TAKEDA
HEY CLASS PRESIDENT
ASSHOLE I FELL INTO HIS TRAP
OF COURSE IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE IT AND WANT TO BAIL OUT I'LL HAVE TO COME CLEAN UP YOUR MESS
IF YOU WERE ONLY BLUFFING EARLIER TODAY THEN I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST FORGET ABOUT DOING IT
WHAT?! SO YOU SAY YOU CAN HANDLE IT BY YOURSELF?!
EVERY WOMAN IS BEAUTIFUL IN SOME WAY ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FIND HER BEST FEATURE
AND EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE AFTER THAT
TRY NOT TO SCREW THINGS UP NOW BYE

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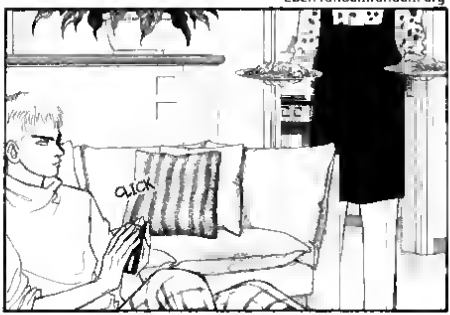
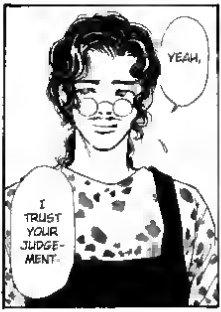
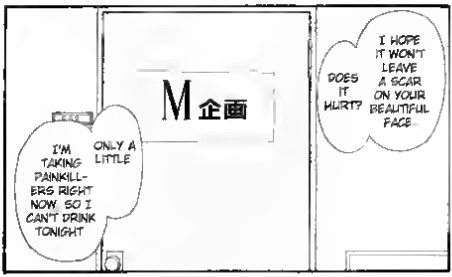
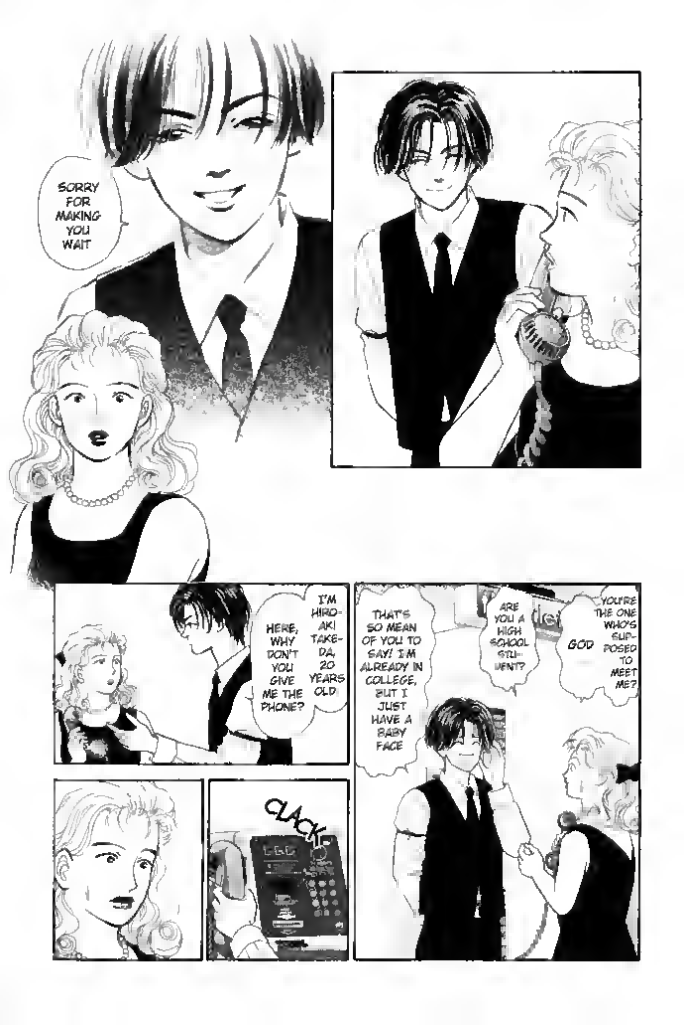





M企画
I HOPE IT WON'T LEAVE A SCAR ON YOUR BEAUTIFUL FACE.
DOES IT HURT?
ONLY A LITTLE
I'M TAKING PAINKILLERS RIGHT NOW, SO I CAN'T DRINK TONIGHT

SHAKE!
SHAKE!
SHAKE!
ALTHOUGH SHE'S A BIT CHUBBY... I DON'T MIND IT BECAUSE THAT'S THE TYPE OF WOMAN I LIKE
MICHIKO YAMAMOTO
I AFFECTIONATELY CALL HER MICHIKO AND I'VE SECRETLY LOVED HER FOR A WHILE NOW
TODAY IS HER BIRTHDAY AND I'M HER BIRTHDAY PRESENT
SEE HOW LUCKY YOU ARE HIROAKI?
ALL RIGHT, PREPARATION COMPLETE!
MICHIKO!
I SHOULD...
I THINK...
UM... HELLO... THIS IS MICHIKO YAMAMOTO...
ABOUT THE MEETING AT SEVEN...

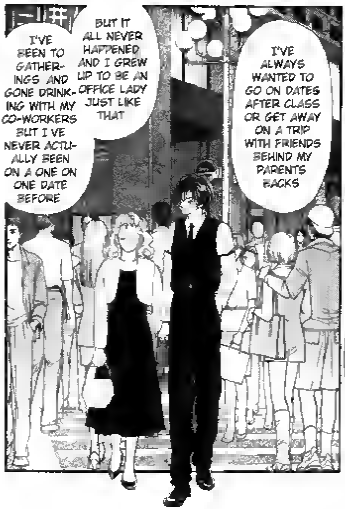

SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT
I'M HIROAKI TAKEDA, 20 YEARS OLD.
HERE, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME THE PHONE?
GOD
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S SUPPOSED TO MEET ME?
ARE YOU A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?
THAT'S SO MEAN OF YOU TO SAY! I'M ALREADY IN COLLEGE, BUT I JUST HAVE A BABY FACE
CLACK

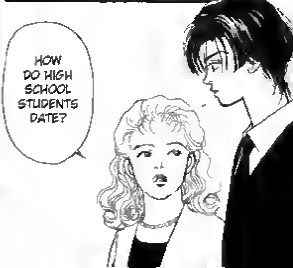
HOW COULD I...
NO...
DO YOU DISLIKE ME?
I'M GOING TO HANG UP, OKAY?
AND IF YOU STILL THINK IT'S EMBARRASSING TO BE WITH A KID LIKE ME, IT WON'T BE TOO LATE TO CALL THEM BACK LATER.
TO BE HONEST, I WASN'T GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS AT FIRST
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME
IF THIS WEREN'T YOUR JOB, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE HERE TO KEEP ME COMPANY...
I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD BE DISLIKED...
...THEN DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU SAD JUST BY LOOKING AT ME?
.....
SHE'S 35 RIGHT NOW AND MARRIED BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T GIVE UP HER FAMILY. SHE GAVE ME UP INSTEAD
AND THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO TO MAKE HER STAY WITH ME
BECAUSE YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE MY LAST GIRLFRIEND
BUT WHEN I SAW YOU SITTING THERE, I CHANGED MY MIND...

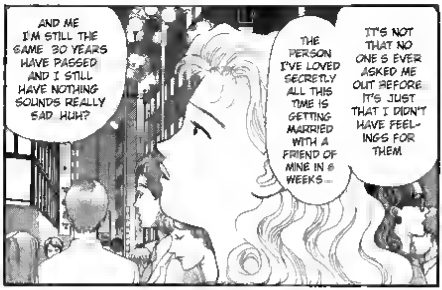
I ALWAYS HAD TO SNEAK AROUND TO SEE HER, SO I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO GO ON A REAL DATE WITH HER
EVEN IF IT'S JUST HOLDING HANDS ON THE STREETS
OR SIMPLY HAVING DINNER TOGETHER AT A RESTAURANT... WE NEVER DID ANY OF THAT
SO MICHIKO, IF YOU DON'T MIND... WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO GO ON A DATE WITH ME?

NOTE: JAPANESE PLACE AN EMPHASIS ON HOW ONE REFERS TO ANOTHER. BY CALLING SOMEONE AS THEIR FIRST NAME IT REPRESENTS CLOSENESS OR FAMILIARITY

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT?
ISN'T TODAY YOUR BIRTHDAY, MICHIKO?
SOMETHING IN PARTICULAR YOU'D LIKE TO DO?
OR WOULD YOU JUST LIKE TO WALK AROUND FOR A WHILE?
渋谷


I'VE BEEN TO GATHERINGS AND GONE DRINKING WITH MY CO-WORKERS BUT I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN ON A ONE ON ONE DATE BEFORE
BUT IT ALL NEVER HAPPENED AND I GREW UP TO BE AN OFFICE LADY JUST LIKE THAT
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO ON DATES AFTER CLASS OR GET AWAY ON A TRIP WITH FRIENDS BEHIND MY PARENTS BACKS


HOW DO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DATE?


IT'S NOT THAT NO ONE'S EVER ASKED ME OUT BEFORE. IT'S JUST THAT I DIDN'T HAVE FEELINGS FOR THEM.
THE PERSON I'VE LOVED SECRETLY ALL THIS TIME IS GETTING MARRIED WITH A FRIEND OF MINE IN 6 WEEKS...
AND ME I'M STILL THE SAME. 30 YEARS HAVE PASSED AND I STILL HAVE NOTHING. SOUNDS REALLY SAD, HUH?

THAT'S WHY I DECIDED I WAS GOING TO CHANGE NO MATTER WHAT
I WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THAT WAS TOTALLY UNLIKE ME
TO FILL SOME OF THE EMPTINESS IN MY LIFE

I'VE BEEN SO NERVOUS EVER SINCE I MET YOU.
AND I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE. WALKING DOWN THE STREETS AND HOLDING HANDS WITH A MAN...
I FEEL AS IF I'VE BECOME A BLABBERMOUTH TELLING YOU ALL THIS

AND BE A BAD GIRL FOR TODAY MICHIKO! DO EVERY-THING YOUR PARENTS DIDN'T WANT YOU TO DO!
THROW YOUR PAST SELF ASIDE,
MICH-IKO
YOU SOUND REALLY CUTE LIKE THAT
I KNOW! LET'S BUY A CAKE AND SOME CHAMPAGNE AND THEN GET A ROOM TO CELEBRATE! I'LL SING HAPPY BIRTH-DAY TO YOU!
OR KISSING IN MIDDLE OF THE STREETS
DANCING UNTIL 3 AM IN THE MORNING
SNEAK-ING OUT BEHIND YOUR PARENTS' BACK TO GO ON A GET AWAY
LIKE DOING THINGS YOU CAN ONLY DO WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND

I DO...
COME ON!
DON'T YOU FEEL EXCITED LETTING YOURSELF GO?
NO...
BAD GIRLS AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE SHY SO JUST RELAX
DO YOU WANT SOME MORE CHAMP-AGNE?
HOTEL ROMA

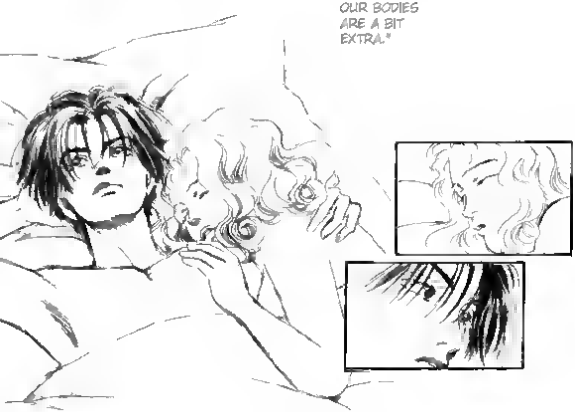
BUT I'M FAT...
IT'S OKAY. YOU'RE JUST RIGHT FOR ME.
IT FEELS WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU IN MY ARMS
YOUR SKIN IS SO PALE AND BEAUTIFULLY FLAWLESS...
IT MOVES ME JUST TO BE WITH YOU.
THESE HANDS FEEL SO SOFT, I LIKE THEM VERY MUCH.
I ALSO LIKE YOUR LILTING VOICE THAT MAKES YOU SOUND SO CUTE WHEN YOU SPEAK
YOUR SILKEN HAIR...IT SMELLS SO FEMININE TO ME
PLEASE DON'T BE SHY IF YOU START GETTING EMBARRASSED.
THEN I'M GOING TO BE EMBARRASSED TOO

DOES IT BOTHER YOU WHEN I KISS YOU LIKE THIS?
DID YOU KNOW?
THIS IS OUR 65TH KISS TODAY
YOU WERE COUNTING?
I WAS JUST TEASING YOU
BUT WE CAN START COUNTING FROM NOW..

SOUNDS LIKE WHAT GOKOKUJI SAID WAS RIGHT—

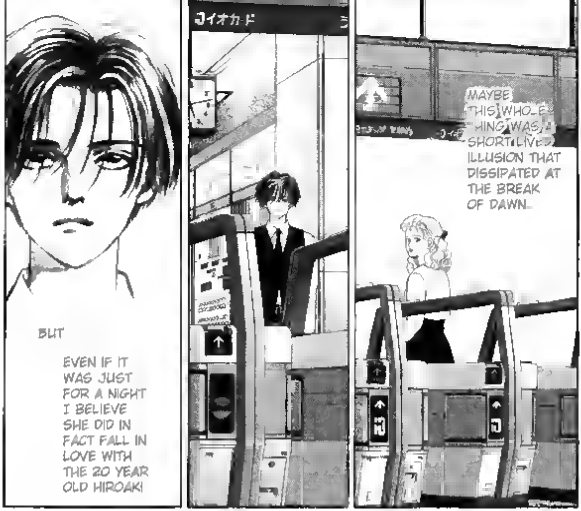
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE WITH THIS STUFF IT SEEMS LIKE I HANDLED IT PRETTY WELL

"WE SELL LOVE IT'S JUST THAT OUR BODIES ARE A BIT EXTRA."



THE SKY'S STILL PRETTY DARK...
I'VE NEVER WALKED AROUND ON THESE STREETS AT THIS TIME OF THE MORNING.
IT'S SO SURPRISING THAT THERE'S ACTUALLY A LOT OF PEOPLE AROUND TOO...
IS EVERYONE GOING HOME RIGHT NOW?
IT'S FINE. IT WAS BETTER THAN I IMAGINED IT WOULD BE.
BECAUSE YOU WERE VERY GENTLE WITH ME, HIROAKI.
YOUR BODY... IS IT ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL?

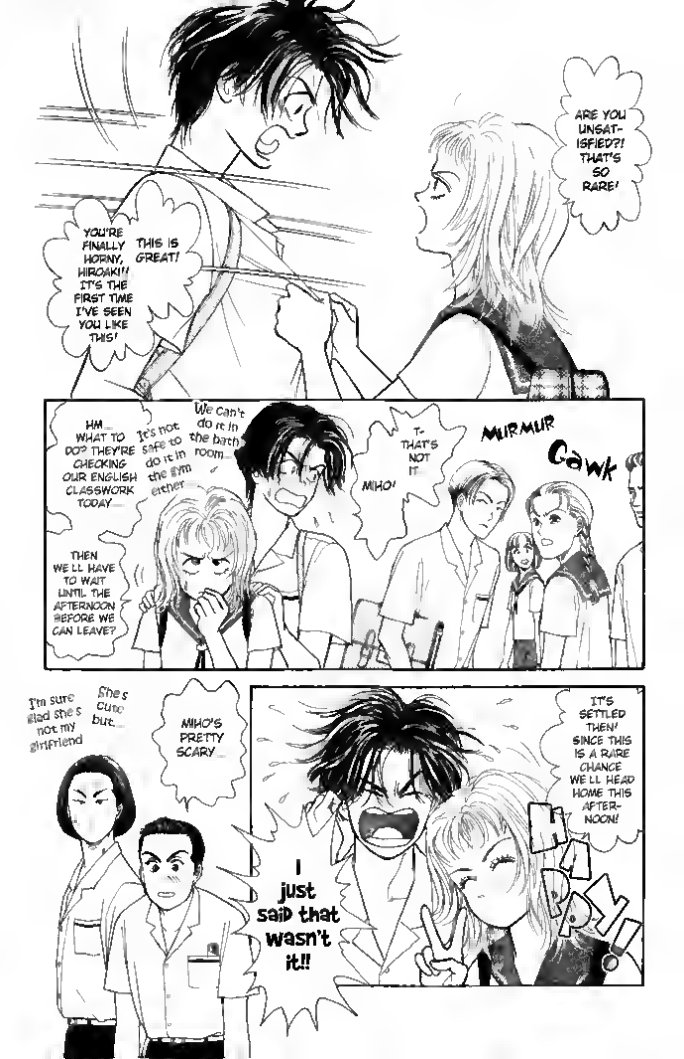
Kiosk
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT
THEN DO YOU PLAN ON GOING BACK TO BEING A SERIOUS OFFICE LADY AFTER TODAY?
PROBABLY
BUT I THINK I'LL LIVE MY LIFE BETTER THAN BEFORE
THANK YOU HIROAKI
YOU'VE GIVEN ME THE BEST BIRTHDAY EVER


BUT
EVEN IF IT WAS JUST FOR A NIGHT I BELIEVE SHE DID IN FACT FALL IN LOVE WITH THE 20 YEAR OLD HIROAKI
MAYBE THIS WHOLE THING WAS A SHORT LIVED ILLUSION THAT DISSIPATED AT THE BREAK OF DAWN...

MICH-IKO!
YOU'RE VERY CUTE!
HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR-SELF!
AND EVERY-THING WILL BE ALL RIGHT I PROMISE!

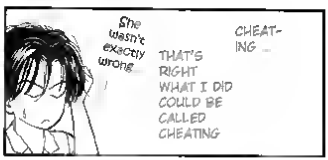
AFTER I SAW HER BEAUTIFUL SMILE,
FOLLOWING THAT, I WAS REALLY TIRED AND SLEEPY
YAWN...
THE LONELINESS IN ME WAS A LITTLE TOUCHED BY IT
Good Morning Hiroaki! ♫
SURPRISE!

WHAT IS THE MATTER, HIRO-AKI?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU HAVE ANY ENERGY
EH?
HM?
<SFX SO STRANGE, SO STRANGE!>
HIRO-AKI?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I FEEL LIKE LOVE IS OVER-FLOWING WITHIN ME
HUG


ARE YOU UNSATISFIED?! THAT'S SO RARE!
THIS IS GREAT!
YOU'RE FINALLY HORNY, HIROAKI! IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU LIKE THIS!
HM... WHAT TO DO? THEY'RE CHECKING OUR ENGLISH CLASSWORK TODAY...
It's not safe to do it in the gym either
We can't do it in the bath room...
T-THAT'S NOT IT...
MIHO!
MURMUR
Gawk
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE AFTERNOON BEFORE WE CAN LEAVE?
I'm sure glad she's not my girlfriend
She's cute but...
MIHO'S PRETTY SCARY...
I just said that wasn't it!!
IT'S SETTLED THEN! SINCE THIS IS A RARE CHANCE WE'LL HEAD HOME THIS AFTERNOON!
P.K!

CAN YOU JUST CUT ME SOME SLACK AND STOP TALKING LIKE THAT?
MIHO... I STILL WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL WITH MY DIGNITY INTACT...
Gets Mad!
HERE I THOUGHT YOU FINALLY STARTED ACTING LIKE A MAN OF FLESH AND BLOOD TOO! WHAT A SHAME!
WHAT? YOU MEAN I GOT IT WRONG ?!
YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH PATIENCE WITH LOVE ROMANCE OR SEX
BUT I THINK YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO CHEAT ON ME ANY-WAY...
WHAT?
STOP JUDGING EVERYONE BY YOUR OWN STAN-DARDS SHEESH
HEY, DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT...!
IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR-SELF ONE DAY BE SURE TO TELL ME KEEPING THAT KIND OF THING IN ISN'T GOOD FOR YOUR BODY
Yes, ma'am...
AND YOU DEFINITELY CAN'T PRETEND LIKE NOTHING'S WRONG AND THEN GO CHEAT ON ME WITH OTHER GIRLS!

I'M SURPRISED THAT MIHO WOULD BE SO SENSITIVE TO THIS TYPE OF THING THOUGH SHE'S JUST LIKE A PUPPY SNIFFING OUT WHAT'S WRONG IMMEDIATELY
AND FOR A SPLIT SECOND FELT THE TASTE OF LOVE
THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT...



IT FEELS LIKE I WAS JUST ACTING A PART IN A ROMANTIC MOVIE...

I DON'T FEEL ANY GUILT AT ALL

BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE AS IF I'VE DONE HER ANY WRONG

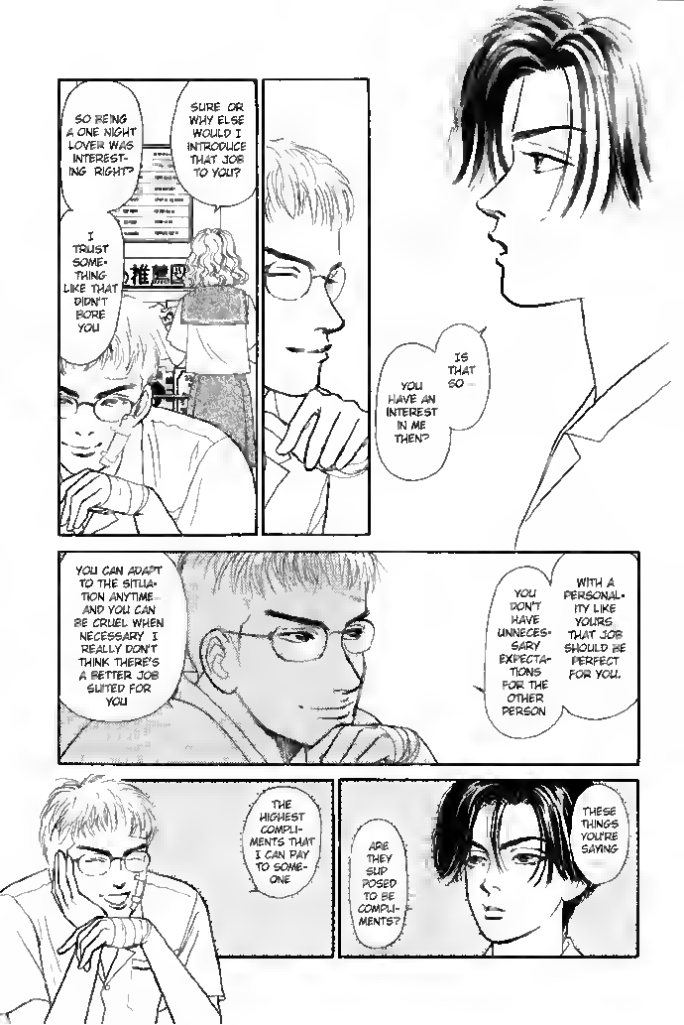
It looks like I really don't have a guilty conscience or any morals about sex whatsoever...
MORNING
MORNING TAKEDA
GOOD MORNING

SO THAT IS WHY GOKOKUJI IS ALWAYS READING
CLASS PRESIDENT,
I TOOK CARE OF WHAT YOU ASKED ME TO DO YESTERDAY.
I FINALLY UNDERSTAND NOW
THAT'S GREAT.
YOU'VE HELPED ME OUT BIG TIME.

But for life in general so I won't embarrass myself in the future when I go out into the world
Not only for this job
It's necessary to study to know how to deal with other people.
I'LL HAVE TO MEMORIZE ALL THESE THINGS
BUT IF I WANT TO BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE AT THIS,
Wine? God knows what's really supposed to taste like
Does it matter which side you put the bread on?
I NEVER FELT THE NEED TO LOOK IT UP BEFORE BUT NOW
HM PROPER FOOD ETIQUETTE SURE IS TROUBLESOME
NOT HAVING EVERYTHING GO THE WAY YOU LIKE KIND OF ANNOYS YOU, DOESN'T IT?
YOUR NEED FOR SELF ESTEEM IS PRETTY STRONG
I THOUGHT YOU SAID AS LONG AS YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
THE FUTURE ISN'T A BIG DEAL TO YOU?
Borrowing Period 1 Week
Borrow 9 8 27 8
Return 10 8 4 8

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE PRETTY SET ON IMPROVING YOURSELF

BECAUSE I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEIR REACTIONS WOULD BE
WHEN SOMEONE PERKS MY INTEREST, I CAN'T HELP BUT TRY AND PUSH THEIR BUTTONS
AH, SORRY
IT'S A BAD HABIT OF MINE
BUT WHY DO I ALWAYS GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE TREATING ME LIKE AN IDIOT?
MAYBE I'M OVERLY SENSITIVE


SO BEING A ONE NIGHT LOVER WAS INTERESTING RIGHT?
SURE OR WHY ELSE WOULD I INTRODUCE THAT JOB TO YOU?
I TRUST SOMETHING LIKE THAT DIDN'T BORE YOU
IS THAT SO
YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN ME THEN?
YOU CAN ADAPT TO THE SITUATION ANYTIME AND YOU CAN BE CRUEL WHEN NECESSARY I REALLY DON'T THINK THERE'S A BETTER JOB SUITED FOR YOU
YOU DON'T HAVE UNNECESSARY EXPECTATIONS FOR THE OTHER PERSON
WITH A PERSONALITY LIKE YOURS THAT JOB SHOULD BE PERFECT FOR YOU.
THE HIGHEST COMPLIMENTS THAT I CAN PAY TO SOMEONE
ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLIMENTS?
THESE THINGS YOU'RE SAYING

M企画
THE CHIEF WANTS TO SEE YOU. DO YOU WANT TO MEET HIM THIS WEEKEND?
AND PICK UP YOUR SALARY BY THE WAY.
Heavens! You're so Cute~ ♡
GOOD! GOOD! I KNEW I COULD TRUST YOU, AKIRA!

NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT HIM HE LOOKS GAY TO ME
THIS OLD GUY
Tee hee!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS MAN IS ACTUALLY THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF THIS PLACE
SEE TOLD YOU SO
OH RIGHT, WHAT ABOUT THE SITUATION OVER THERE THEN?
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
I'M NOT THAT FAMILIAR WITH HIM
DON'T ASK ME.
THAT'S TRUE TOO WELL I GUESS I SHOULD PREPARE YOU FOR THIS FIRST
IF YOUR CLIENT WAS ME THEN YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT VERY MUCH, RIGHT?
HIROAKI, HAVE YOU EVER DONE IT WITH A MAN BEFORE?
GEH

GOD, THIS IS A LITTLE TOO EXCITING FOR ME WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO REPLY TO THAT KIND OF QUESTION?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THAT KIND OF THING UH
W-WAIT A SECOND THAT'S UM
IT'S NO BIG DEAL
CLIENTS COME IN DIFFERENT TYPES AND PREFERENCES
GOKOKUJI, JUST WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?!
THIS IS ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT I EXPECTED I'M FEELING MORE THAN NERVOUS AND AWKWARD RIGHT NOW I'M DISGUSTED!
I WAS GETTING LONELY JUST WAITING FOR YOUR PHONECALL! ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR WORK YET?
THAT'S FABULOUS DARLING I'LL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN 10 MINUTES
How come you're not sleeping?
OH, REIKO!
HI, PROJECT M
RRR

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AKIRA, CAN YOU GO KEEP REIKO COMPANY TODAY?
SURE, I HAVE TOMORROW OFF ANYWAY
OH RIGHT DO YOU WANT TO GIVE IT A TRY INSTEAD, HIROAKI?
REIKO LIKES PRETTY YOUNG MEN, SO SHE'LL DEFINITELY TEACH YOU WELL
THIS LINE OF WORK AND WHAT WE DO HERE ISN'T PROSTITUTION,
IT SHOULD REALLY BE CALLED "RENT A LOVER"
LIKE GALAS, TRIPS, OR WEDDING PARTIES, AS LONG AS THE CLIENT HAS NEED FOR A MALE PROTECTOR TO KEEP THEM COMPANY THAT'S WHERE WE COME IN
So that's it...
THAT'S WHY FORMALITIES AND ETIQUETTE ARE VERY IMPORTANT
SEX IS JUST AN EXTRA SERVICE THAT BOTH SIDES CAN CONSENT TO
OF COURSE SOME CUSTOMERS COME TO US MAINLY FOR SEX BUT THAT'S THEIR RIGHT
THE LOWEST FEE IS 15,000
AND IF OTHER SERVICES ARE INCLUDED WITH OVERNIGHT, IT'S PROBABLY AROUND 50 000 TO 60 000

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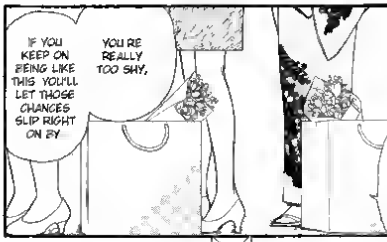
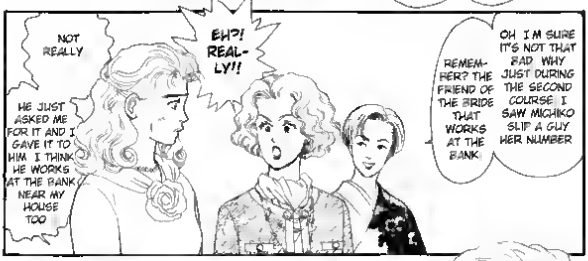
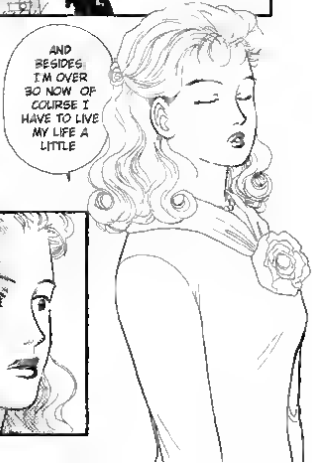

IF YOU KEEP ON BEING LIKE THIS YOU'LL LET THOSE CHANCES SLIP RIGHT ON BY.
YOU'RE REALLY TOO SHY.
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE LEFT NOW MICHIKO?
THOSE TWO FINALLY GOT THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND GOT MARRIED.


NOT REALLY
HE JUST ASKED ME FOR IT AND I GAVE IT TO HIM. I THINK HE WORKS AT THE BANK NEAR MY HOUSE TOO
EH?! REAL-LY!!
REMEM-BER? THE FRIEND OF THE BRIDE THAT WORKS AT THE BANK.
OH. I'M SURE IT'S NOT THAT BAD. WHY JUST DURING THE SECOND COURSE I SAW MICHIKO SLIP A GUY HER NUMBER

New
That


AND BESIDES. I'M OVER 30 NOW. OF COURSE I HAVE TO LIVE MY LIFE A LITTLE

WHAT ?
DO YOU SEE SOMEONE YOU KNOW?
NO—
JUST SOMEONE WHO LOOKS LIKE THEM.
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IT WASN'T REALLY A HUGE SHOCK TO ME...

THIS IS MY SECOND TIME ON THE JOB

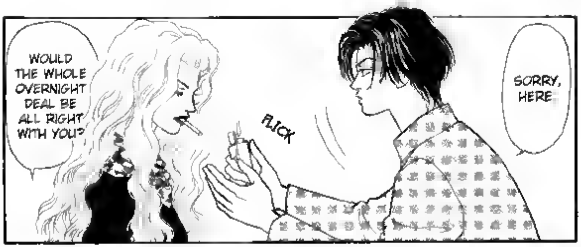
BUT NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT, A WOMAN THIS BEAUTIFUL DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'D HAVE PROBLEMS WITH GETTING A MAN...

BUT WHY WOULD SHE PAY FOR ONE? I REALLY DON'T GET IT

EVEN THOUGH SHE IS OLDER

YOU REALLY ARE YOUNG...

EXPR-ESSO
SURE
HI, I'M HIRO-AKI
CAN I CALL YOU REIKO?
PLE-ASE DO
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
OH TWENTY... I'M STILL A STUDENT RIGHT NOW
—AND WHAT DO YOU MAJOR IN?
UM... WELL I'M IN LITERATURE BUT I DON'T GO IN ALL THAT OFTEN...
SLIDE
Heh
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS HOW OLD YOU ARE AS LONG AS YOU KNOW HOW TO USE A LIGHTER
I'M IN A PRETTY GOOD MOOD TODAY. SO I'LL KEEP YOU
LIT OH— BUSTED SO MUCH FOR FAKING MY AGE


WOULD THE WHOLE OVERNIGHT DEAL BE ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
FLICK
SORRY, HERE.

GOD YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIS NAME WAS?
HARADA DO YOU MEAN THE BOSS?
SO HIS NAME IS HARADA—
I JUST MET HIM TODAY SO I WAS A LITTLE SURPRISED—

Heh!
UH— SURE.

WHY DON'T WE START OFF WITH SOME FRENCH CUISINE?
SINCE HARADA WANTED ME TO SHOW YOU AROUND AND TEACH YOU SOME ETIQUETTE

UM...
DON'T WORRY. HE DOESN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO!
ARE YOU AFRAID HE MIGHT ATTACK YOU FROM BEHIND?
HA HA HA
Hee, hee!
SO I MIGHT NOT BE THE IDEAL MAN...
THIS IS ONLY MY SECOND TIME ON THE JOB AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW.
BUT PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
I FEEL AS IF I'VE BECOME HIKARU GENJI.
TRYING TO TURN YOUNG INEXPERIENCED MEN INTO WHAT I'D LIKE...

NOTE: HIKARU GENJI IS THE PRINCE FROM "TALES OF GENJI" WHO TOOK IN A GIRL AND TRIED TO MOLD HER INTO HIS PERFECT WIFE

JUST REMEMBER THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU CAN GUIDE WOMEN, NEVER TRY TO DECIDE FOR THEM. RULE OF THE THUMB IS LADIES FIRST
IT REALLY ISN'T THAT HARD
DON'T WALK IN FRONT OF A WOMAN.
AND ALWAYS LET THEM SIT AND ORDER BEFORE YOU. IT'S JUST THAT SIMPLE.
IT'S THE MAN'S JOB TO OPEN THE DOORS, HOLD THE THINGS, POUR THE WINE, AND WALK ATTENTIVELY BESIDE A WOMAN.
GOT IT?
THAT'S RIGHT.
NO MATTER HOW HIGH CLASS A PLACE IS, YOU CAN'T GO WRONG IF YOU WALK AS IF YOU BELONGED THERE.
THE PEOPLE AT THE RESTAURANT WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SERVICE,
AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WINES, DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK ABOUT THEM...
BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE WAITERS ARE THERE FOR.

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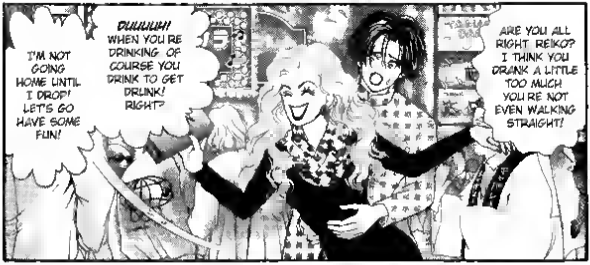
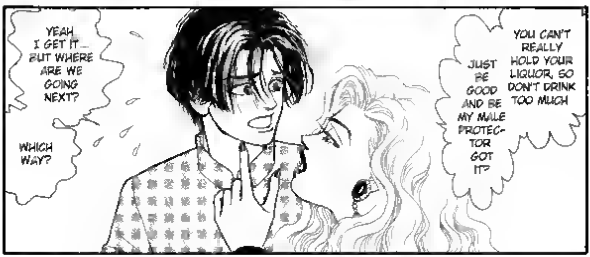
WOMEN USUALLY PREFER MIMOSA, CHAMPAGNE OR COCK-TAILS
OR SHERRY WOULD BE BEST FOR BEFORE MEALS
I READ A BOOK ABOUT DINING AND IT SAID CHAMP-AGNE
OH? GOOD BOY, YOU'VE BEEN STUDY-ING.
SO WHAT ARE THE THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DO DURING A MEAL THEN?
UM DON'T MAKE ANY NOISES WHILE EATING DON'T PICK UP YOUR PLATE
DON'T TALK WITH YOUR MOUTH FULL
AND DON'T PUT YOUR ELBOWS ON THE TABLE
WHAT ABOUT SMOK-ING?
HM. YOU CAN ONLY DO SO AFTER THE MEAL
CORRECT! JUST AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THOSE RULES YOU'LL DO JUST FINE

MAKING LOVE IS A LOT LIKE EATING. DON'T YOU THINK?
AFTER THAT EVERYTHING ELSE IS EXPERIENCE. JUST LIKE SEX.
HERE'S YOUR DUCK SALAD WITH MUSHROOMS
UM... BUT PEOPLE CAN DIE IF THEY DON'T EAT...
NERVOUS
NERVOUS
ACCORDING TO YOUR OWN TASTE — THEN CUT IT INTO PERFECT BITE SIZED PIECES.
BUT IF YOU USE THE RIGHT MATERIALS AND MAKE IT...
AND SLOWLY ENJOY IT UNTIL YOUR BODY IS SATISFIED. THAT'S THE HEALTHIEST WAY TO GO ABOUT IT.
AH!
EATING TOO MUCH CAN BE BAD FOR THE BODY.

DON'T YOU AGREE?
To be honest, I'm feeling a little abashed right now...
To hear her say something that suggestive in a place like this...
MATURE WOMEN ARE SCARY
Oh, who cares anymore. It's not like I was in control of the situation in the first place.
WOW... SHE REALLY IS PRETTY
SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE TYPE THAT HAS GIVEN UP ON THEMSELVES SO WHY IS SHE PAYING FOR MALE COMPANY? I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND
It looks like she's pretty rich too
EVERYTHING SHE SAYS IS INTERESTING AND SHE ALSO HAS A MIND OF HER OWN A LOT OF MEN MUST HAVE FALLEN FOR HER IN THE PAST.
IT DOESN'T SOUND DIRTY COMING FROM HER, AND SHE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SHE'S PUTTING ON ANY AIRS

WOW! LUCKY!
GREAT WINE, GREAT FOOD. I'M ALIVE AGAIN!
I HAVEN'T DRANK IN SUCH A LONG TIME! I'M SO HAPPY!
My heart is pounding, and my head is overcome with dizziness.
To watch a woman eat and find it sexy..
This feeling... I've never felt anything like it before.
I JUST WANT TO GOBBLE YOU U IN ONE BITE!
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE SO CUTE, HIRO-AKI!
Heh, huh.


I'M NOT GOING HOME UNTIL I DROP! LET'S GO HAVE SOME FUN!
Duuuuu!
WHEN YOU'RE DRINKING OF COURSE YOU DRINK TO GET DRUNK! RIGHT?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, REIKO? I THINK YOU DRANK A LITTLE TOO MUCH YOU'RE NOT EVEN WALKING STRAIGHT!


YEAH, I GET IT— BUT WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT?
WHICH WAY?
YOU CAN'T REALLY HOLD YOUR LIQUOR, SO DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH
JUST BE GOOD AND BE MY MALE PROTECTOR GOT IT?

WELL, LOOK WHO'S HERE! THE GREAT WRITER REIKO! YOU'RE DONE WITH WORK?
OH, REIKO DARLING! YOU HAVEN'T BEEN BACK FOR SUCH A LONG TIME!

〈DOOR, SHION〉

WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED
IT'S LIKE SHE COMPLETELY TURNED INTO ANOTHER PERS
Maybe I'm the one that's drunk

NO WAY! THIS PET IS FOR MY PERSONAL USE ONLY!
Is this a gay bar ?
YOU SHOULD LET ME HAVE ONE ONCE IN A WHILE!
REIKO, YOU'RE SO MEAN! YOU ALWAYS BRING SUCH CUTE PETS HERE.
LEMME HAVE A KISS FIRST? ♡
HEY!
THANKS SUGAR!
Ugggh...
Heh!
OH GOD
I'VE BEEN VIOLATED BY A TRANS-VESTITE
IT'S NOT BAD ENOUGH THAT GOKOKUJI KISSED ME...
BUT NOW BY A TRANS-VESTITE
M-MY LIPS...! UGGH
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STOP JOKING AROUND! YOU'RE A MAN!!
N-NO WAY!
OH, YOU POOR THING!
LET MOMMY COMFORT YOU!
RIGHT, MARI? HIROAKI REALLY IS CUTE
UM. YEAH...
I'M SORRY. DID THEY SCARE YOU?
I CAN'T STAND THOSE TWO SOMETIMES. EVERYTIME THEY SEE A CUTE GUY, THEY CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES
5 times too!
YOU THINK I HAVEN'T TRIED?!
MEN ARE SO ANNOYING! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THEM!
REIKO, WE'RE NOT DENYING THAT HE'S CUTE BUT SHOULDN'T YOU TRY AND FIND A REAL BOYFRIEND?
YOU'VE ONLY BEEN DIVORCED TWICE. SO WHAT ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF?

EH!?
CLINK
ALL THEY WANT TO DO IS CONTROL YOU, AND THE MINUTE YOU'RE LATE FOR A DATE, THEY GET PISSED!
LIKE I HAVE TIME FOR DATING IN THE FIRST PLACE!!
I HAVE IT SO MUCH EASIER RIGHT NOW
なるほど
AFTER WORK I CAN JUST BE WITH CUTE BOYS WITHOUT ANY WORRY OR HASSLE AT ALL
GREAT FOOD GREAT WINE, GOOD LOOKING GUYS... LIFE IS GOOD LIKE THIS
HEY, MARI! HOW MUCH DID YOU GIVE HIM TO DRINK?
I DON'T FEEL SO WELL
REIKO
<TEXT> SO THAT'S IT
EH ONLY TWO GLASSES
HE HAS A LOW TOLERANCE AND HE DRANK EARLIER!
HEY! NO NOT HERE!
THE BATHROOM IS THAT WAY!

EH?
THIS IS
HUH?!

SHOCK!
I DIDN'T FEEL WELL YESTERDAY SO I...
SHIT! OH MY GOD!!
AH GOOD MORN ING...
HOW ARE YOU FEEL-ING?
THANKS FOR GIVING ME SUCH AN UNFOR-GETTABLE NIGHT.
YOU SURE?
SO YOU'RE FINE NOW?
YEAH
UM I'M...

OKAY, LET'S START THEN!
Huh?!
I-I'M NOT PREPARED YET!
HOW CAN I
GOD
I'VE GOT WORK THIS AFTERNOON, SO WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF TIME!
DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY THAT YOU WERE FINE?! THEN STOP WHINING!
THIS IS YOUR JOB. SO BE A MAN AND DO IT!
I DON'T NEED THAT KIND OF EXTRA PRESSURE.
IF WE DON'T DO IT RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO BE STRESSED LATER
I'LL DO MY BEST THEN
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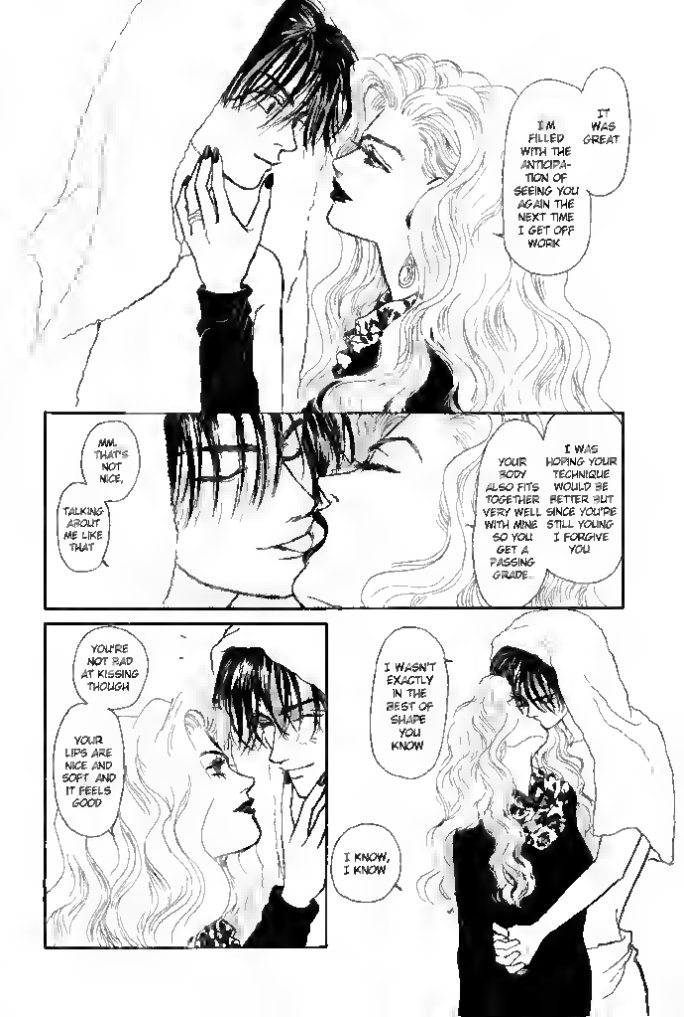
WHAT?
REIKO
YOU LIED
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT EATING TOO MUCH IS BAD FOR THE BODY?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID
BUT I WAS JUST TAKING WHAT MY BODY NEEDED
Two week's worth of nourishment.
<TEXT OH, IS THAT SO??

It's scary how much energy she still has...
WHAT A PITY I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO STAY AND HAVE BREAKFAST WITH YOU
DIDN'T I TELL YOU I HAVE WORK THIS AFTER-NOON?
ALL RIGHT
OH, YOU'RE LEAVING FIRST?
ANYWAY WHEN YOU LEAVE JUST RETURN THIS TO FRONT DESK
WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?
IT'S A SECRET
MAYBE I'LL TELL YOU NEXT TIME


IT WAS GREAT
I'M FILLED WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF SEEING YOU AGAIN THE NEXT TIME I GET OFF WORK
I WAS HOPING YOUR TECHNIQUE WOULD BE BETTER BUT SINCE YOU'RE STILL YOUNG I FORGIVE YOU
YOUR BODY ALSO FITS TOGETHER VERY WELL WITH MINE SO YOU GET A PASSING GRADE..
MM. THAT'S NOT NICE,
TALKING ABOUT ME LIKE THAT
I WASN'T EXACTLY IN THE BEST OF SHAPE YOU KNOW
I KNOW, I KNOW
YOU'RE NOT BAD AT KISSING THOUGH
YOUR LIPS ARE NICE AND SOFT AND IT FEELS GOOD

BYE!
BUT I CAN SAY THAT THIS HAS BEEN MY BEST PERFORMANCE SO FAR TO DATE
That's right.
As much as I like up stuck, I'll be in trouble if I forget to wipe it off
FIT TOGETHER VERY WELL HUH FRANKLY, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT, AND ARE THERE BODIES THAT DON'T FIT WELL DURING SEX?
GEEZ CAREER WOMEN ARE SO AGGRESSIVE

WAKE UP!
HIRO-AKI!
MIHO IS HERE!
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACK BY SUNDAY BUT HIS TRIP GOT EXTENDED TO MONDAY
YAAAAY!
MIHO WHY DON'T YOU STAY FOR DINNER AND HAVE MY HUSBAND'S SHARE TONIGHT?
HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO STAY OVER A FRIEND'S HOUSE LAST NIGHT
HE'S DEAD ASLEEP
AND THEN HE ENDED UP COMING HOME LATE THIS AFTER-NOON
WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND WAKE HIROAKI UP FIRST?
NO, IT'S OKAY IT'S ALMOST DONE
I'LL COME AND HELP!

Wakey Wakey
Wakey
Wakey
HIRO-AKI!
HONEY WAKE UP!!
COME ON, LET'S CUDDLE! ♡
mmm
turn
GOD JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
WE DID IT FIVE TIMES ALREADY
ISN'T THAT ENOU-GH
What!
WHEN DID WE EVER DO IT THAT MANY TIMES IN A DAY?!
OH!

WHO DID YOU DO IT WITH?! WHO?! WHO?!!
WHO DID YOU DO IT WITH FIVE TIMES?!
TIME FOR DINNER!
YAAAY! YOU'RE AWAKE!
Eh...

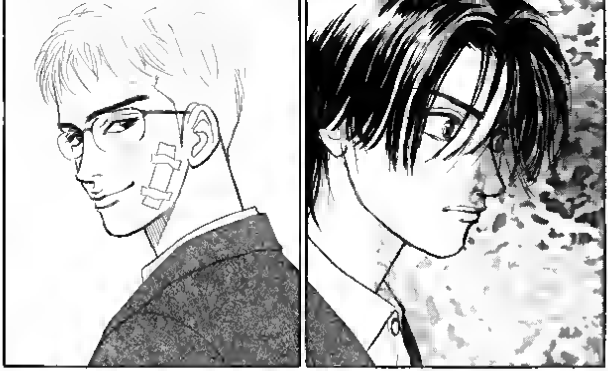
YUM, YUM
DINNER
FOOD
EAT
I GET IT
HEH HEH! YOUR MOM TOLD ME TO STAY FOR DINNER BECAUSE YOUR DAD ISN'T COMING HOME TODAY...
I'M SO HAPPY! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M OVER AT HIROAKI'S HOUSE FOR DINNER! ♪
UH... OKAY
GREAT...
I'M GOING TO GO WASH MY FACE FIRST...
THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP THUMP
TURTLE...
My head hurts...
UGH, I'M SO TIRED
SO... MISTER PERVERT... WHO EXACTLY DID YOU DO IT FIVE TIMES WITH?
YOU GET TIRED EVEN FROM DREAMING ABOUT IT?
Huh? Hentai turtle?
Can people have sex with turtles?

<SFX SPLASH SPLASH>
BUT WHY DO I FEEL GUILTY ABOUT IT THIS TIME...?
I DON'T KNOW HOW I SHOULD FACE HER...
I'll make up for it by being nicer to her...
I think I really overdid it this time...
Sigh
I've never experienced anything that scary in my life until now.
I didn't know a person could really be shocked into speechlessness.
Geez she just scared me half to death.
WEIRD
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I DID ANYTHING WRONG THAT TIME WITH MICHIKO

IT DOES LOOK LIKE WINTER IS COMING WITH ALL THIS DARK CLOTHING
GEEZ IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE SCHOOL TURNED GOTH
I MADE LUNCH FOR THE BOTH OF US TODAY!
THANKS FOR PLAYING HOST YESTERDAY
HIROKI! YOU'RE WEARING YOUR WINTER UNIFORM TOO?
OH, MIHO! YOU LOOK SO CUTE IN YOUR WINTER UNIFORM!

IF I SAY I'M FINE, THEN I'M FINE!
BUT YOU REALLY GAVE ME A SCARE!
I NEVER HEAR THINGS LIKE THAT COMING FROM YOU!
YOU MAKE ME SOUND SO STINGY WITH COMPLIMENTS! I JUST THOUGHT YOU LOOKED CUTE TODAY SO I SAID IT OUTLOUD

AH?
Man
Does she have a sixth sense or something?
The minute I'm feeling bad about what happened, she catches on.
IF I DON'T HAVE ANY HANG UPS ABOUT CASUAL SEX THEN WHY AM I FEELING GUILTY RIGHT NOW?
MORNING, CLASS PRESIDENT
I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU'D TAKE THE DAY OFF TODAY



SHION'S MAMA-SAN WAS WORRIED TO DEATH ABOUT YOU TWO
HAVING TO EAT, DRINK AND BE WITH HER
IT WAS REALLY TIRING RIGHT?

OH, SO THAT'S IT

HE'S ALSO BEEN WITH REIKO BEFORE
IN THAT CASE DOESN'T IT MAKE GOKO-KUJI AND I BROTHERS ?
FORGET IT, I'M BETTER OFF NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT
I THINK YOU SHOULD BRUSH UP ON YOUR KNOWL-EDGE OF WINE
THERE'S A SEMINAR ON IT IN THREE DAYS GO TAKE A LOOK
YOU'LL NEED TO TASTE AND FEEL EVERY-THING TO FULLY EXPE-RIENCE IT
It's the same as Reiko's logic...
The com-parison between fine dining and sex...
THANKS

I WONDER IF REIKO WILL COMPARE ME TO HIM...
BUT I SUPPOSE ADVICE COMING FROM SOMEONE YOUR OWN AGE IS RATHER ANNOYING
I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU OUT
LOOKS LIKE HE HAS PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE, AND I'LL BET HIS TECHNIQUE ISN'T BAD EITHER.
THAT'S SO NICE OF YOU!

I've never been interested in life or felt inferior in any way...
Ever since the day I was born...
BUT RIGHT NOW I FEEL AS IF I'M ON A LEVEL LOWER THAN EVERYONE
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU ARE ANNOYING

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Is it Gokokuji that bothers me or is it really Reiko?
..like that bother me so much?
I obviously knew that Reiko won't compare me to him, but why does the thought of something...
I DON'T GET IT
BUT NEVER-MIND IT'S TOO TROUBLE-SOME TO THINK ABOUT IT NOW
PATTI
PATTI
It could be the reason why I'm feeling guilty about Miho too...
If the answer is Reiko, then could it be that I'm attracted to her?
Wow, sports club? It must be nice to have all that energy
PATTI
PATTI
PATTI

A UNIFORM CAN BE CHANGED WITHIN A DAY FROM SUMMER TO WINTER,

EVER SINCE I'VE GOTTEN INVOLVED WITH GOKOKUJI, MY WORLD HAS BEEN TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

BUT A PERSON'S HEART CAN'T CHANGE NEARLY AS FAST

ORIGINALLY I JUST WANTED TO BE A NORMAL PERSON WITH A REGULAR FUTURE...

A LIFE WHERE I'M NOT DISSATISFIED ABOUT ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR, AND BORING

BUT NOW THAT I'VE SEEN THE THINGS THAT ARE BEYOND MY EVERYDAY LIFE, MY INTEREST IS PERKED

ON OCTOBER 13, 14, AND 15 I WENT TO THE SEMINAR AND LEARNED A LITTLE MORE ABOUT WINE AND LIFE

I'VE ALREADY MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR THE SEMINAR, AND IT SEEMS THAT SOON ENOUGH I'LL BE AN ANNOYING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO KNOWS TOO MUCH ABOUT WINE JUST LIKE GOKOKUJI

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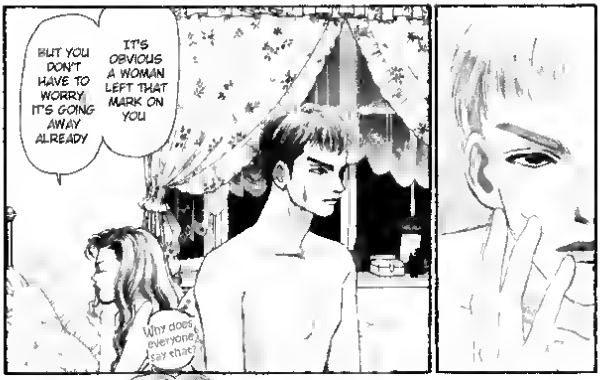
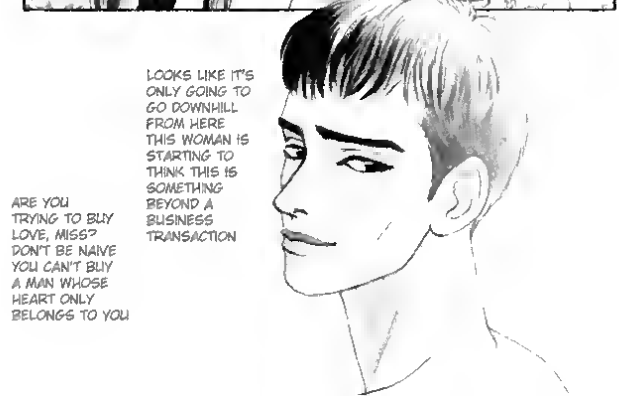
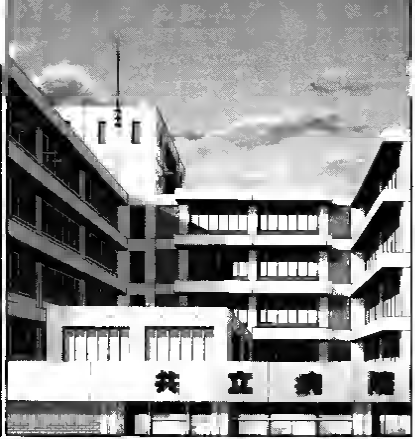
MY NAME IS AKIRA GOKOKUJI.
HOBBIES DOESN'T MATTER AS LONG AS IT'S INTERESTING.
GRADES TOP OF THE CLASS
CURRENTLY DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
LIVED FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS BUT HAVEN'T FELT THE NEED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
I'M A LITTLE BORED WITH LIFE, BUT SOMEHOW I'M ALWAYS BUSY.
I PLAN ON GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE THIS WINTER.


IT'S OBVIOUS A WOMAN LEFT THAT MARK ON YOU
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY, IT'S GOING AWAY ALREADY
Why does everyone say that?

SAY—
HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO TAKE FOR YOU TO ONLY BE WITH ME?


LOOKS LIKE IT'S ONLY GOING TO GO DOWNHILL FROM HERE THIS WOMAN IS STARTING TO THINK THIS IS SOMETHING BEYOND A BUSINESS TRANSACTION
ARE YOU TRYING TO BUY LOVE, MISS? DON'T BE NAIVE YOU CAN'T BUY A MAN WHOSE HEART ONLY BELONGS TO YOU

YOU HAVE TO EAT OOTA!
THERE'S SO FOOD MUCH LEFT OVER!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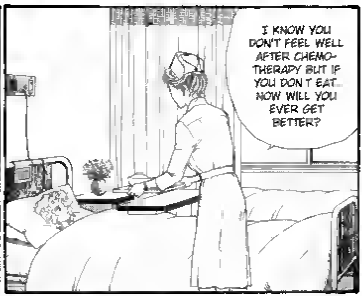
I KNOW YOU DON'T FEEL WELL AFTER CHEMO-THERAPY BUT IF YOU DON'T EAT... HOW WILL YOU EVER GET BETTER?

I ACCIDENTLY BOUGHT TOO MANY PERSIMMONS
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP ME EAT SOME? I KNOW THE HOSPITAL HAS RULES ABOUT BRINGING FOOD IN BUT YOU CAN MAKE A LITTLE EXCEPTION RIGHT?
THE PERSON YOU'RE WAITING FOR IS HERE
I HOPE YOU'VE WORKED UP AN APPETITE NOW
MM.
THEY REMIND YOU OF YOUR HOME RIGHT?
YOU ALWAYS SAY THAT WHENEVER YOU EAT PERSIMMONS.
ONLY BECAUSE MY NEIGHBORS USED TO BRING OVER SOME EVERY FALL
I WAS REALLY SHOCKED WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED HERE AND FOUND OUT THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY PAID FOR PERSIMMONS IN TOKYO!

THE NURSES HERE ARE ALWAYS ASKING ABOUT YOU...
LIKE HOW OLD YOU ARE WHERE YOU LIVE WHAT YOU DO...
AND WHAT'S YOUR RELATION TO ME...
HM?
WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL THEM STRAIGHT OUT THAT I AM YOUR BOYFRIEND THEN?
THEY WON'T BELIEVE ME!
Heh!
I MEAN... AFTER ALL WE DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE A COUPLE...
I'M TWELVE YEARS OLDER THAN YOU, AND I LOOK LIKE THIS
THEY'LL THINK I'M LYING...
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?

I THINK HE'S PAYING FOR HER BILLS HERE TOO
NO MATTER HOW I LOOK AT IT THOSE TWO LOOK ODD TOGETHER
AND YOU KNOW IT AIN'T CHEAP STAYING HERE
SINCE NONE OF HER RELATIVES EVER CAME TO VISIT
IT SEEMS LIKE OOTA DOESN'T HAVE ANY FAMILY EITHER

KUMIKO YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN MY LIFE. SO WHO CARES WHAT THEY THINK?

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Something's a freak off about that.
He says he's in college but...
HM... NOW HOW AM I GOING TO GO ABOUT GETTING GOKOKUJI? HE'S GREAT BOYFRIEND MATERIAL
HEY! I'M THE ONE WHO SAW HIM FIRST!

DEPOSITING IT INTO YOUR ACCOUNTS SEEMS SO IMPERSONAL. DON'T YOU THINK?
WE USUALLY HAVE EVERYONE COME IN TO PICK UP THEIR MONEY

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RYOUKO FROM A WHILE BACK WANTS YOU AS HER COMPANION AGAIN SO YOU MUST BE DOING PRETTY WELL
Thank you
BUT I'M JUST HARMLESS LITTLE OL' ME SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING
BESIDES, HOW COULD I RESIST WANTING TO SEE YOU BOYS WHEN YOU'RE ALL SO GOOD LOOKING?

WITH A JOB LIKE HERS IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT SHE THINKS MEN ONLY WANT HER FOR HER BODY SOME-TIMES
THAT CHILD IS REALLY A LONELY SOUL!
I can sympathize
SO I DON'T THINK IT'S A BAD THING WHEN SHE WANTS A MAN TO JUST HOLD HER TIGHT AND NOT DO ANYTHING ELSE WITH HER

I'm a replacement for Rasseda Ann...?
IT'S HARD TO BE AN INDEPENDENT WOMAN THESE DAYS...
AND THAT'S WHY THEY CAN SPEAK FREELY WITH YOU AS THEY WOULD WITH THEIR FAVORITE DOLLS WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE GIRLS.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU DON'T HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE BONE IN YOUR BODY. HIROAKI WOMEN FEEL SECURE WITH YOU
I DON'T KNOW
NOW IT FEELS TO BE LONELY...
YO OLD MAN! WHERE'S MY MONEY?
I REALLY GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK ON THAT ONE...
UGGH, I GOT THE WORST CLIENT LAST NIGHT!
IT'S MY GIRLFRIEND'S BIRTHDAY TODAY TOO ALL I NEED TO DO IS STEP IN DOG SHIT TO TOP MY DAY OFF NOW
WORDS LIKE THOSE CAN ONLY BE SAID BY THE TRULY FORTUNATE
THEY'RE HERE!
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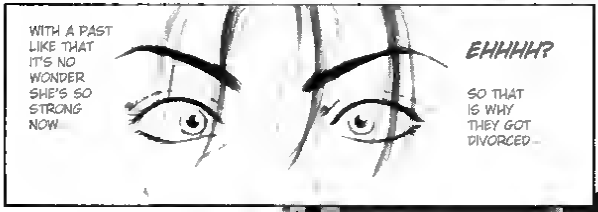
Hi
HE'S AKIRA'S CLASSMATE ISN'T HE ABSOLUTELY DARLING?
THIS IS TAKE-CHAN AND YAK-CHAN
THEY USED TO WORK AT HOST CLUBS
Yo!
Hello, nice to meet you
YOU'RE STILL GOING TO CLASS AREN'T YOU TAKE-CHAN?
HOW CAN YOU BE SO UNCOUTH AFTER 6 YEARS OF COLLEGE? DON'T THEY TEACH YOU ANYTHING THERE?
DON'T JUST ASK ABOUT MONEY EVERY-TIME YOU SEE ME!
HEY, NEW GUY YOU RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL?
NO SHIT THEY ARE! IF YOU WANT CUSTOMERS YOU HAVE TO HOOK 'EM GOOD AND GET 'EM ADDICTED TO YOU
YOU MEAN THOSE RUMORS ARE TRUE?
LIE TO WOMEN
THERE USED TO BE A WOMAN WHO TRIED TO KILL HERSELF OVER TAKE-CHAN ONCE TOO.
THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LIE TO WOMEN, SO THAT'S WHY THEY QUIT THEIR LAST JOBS
THE BASIC SALARY IS SO LOW THAT NOT EVEN A BUM COULD SURVIVE ON IT. IT'S THOUGHT OF AS COMMISSION WHEN A WOMAN HANDS YOU MONEY ON THE SIDE

BUT SOME WOMEN ARE REALLY WILLING TO BE LIED TO AND NO GIGOLO WORTH HIS BALLS CAN SURVIVE ON JUST ONE CUSTOMER ALONE
I GUESS IT'S FUNNY TO HAVE MORALS IN WHAT WE DO FOR A LIVING
THE STUPID DESERVE TO BE CHEATED, BUT IT'S JUST WRONG TO LIE
IT'S STILL A PRETTY INTERESTING JOB THAT KEEPS YOU ON YOUR TOES
THAT'S RIGHT! EVEN THOUGH WE GET SOME WEIRD CUSTOMERS NOW AND THEN
OR PULL ANY CHEAP TRICKS IT'S A LOT BETTER.
HERE WE DON'T HAVE TO LIE TO ANYONE
I TOLD HER I WAS WORKING AT A CONVENIENCE STORE
ABOUT THIS JOB OF YOURS?
UM DOES YOUR GIRLFRIEND KNOW
WAH! I HAVE SOMEONE HERE JUST PERFECT FOR YOU!
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A TYPE IN PARTICULAR?
YES, WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF GOOD LOOKIN' GUYS HERE!
Geez, that sucks.

Kids lose control of their emotions so easily...
I DON'T REALLY APPROVE OF MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE AND...
HIROAKI, ARE YOU INTERESTED IN REIKO?
I JUST WANT A CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF SINCE I MESSED UP THE JOB LAST TIME...
OR IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT AGAINST THE RULES?
YAA-CHAN THEY NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN BLEND IN AT A HIGH CLASS PARTY
Yes, yes That would be me
CHIEF I WANT TO TAKE ANY JOBS FROM REIKO IN THE FUTURE
I JUST DON'T LIKE IT WHEN MY WORKERS MAKE BUSINESS PERSONAL!
SHUT UP! THAT'S NOT IT!
What!?
YOUR OWN EX-WIFE SCREWING OTHER MEN!
OLD MAN YOU MUST BE ALL MIXED UP INSIDE HUH!?

I FOUND OUT AFTER I GOT MARRIED! IT WASN'T LIKE I DID IT ON PURPOSE!
SO WHAT IF I AM!?
CHIEF... AREN'T YOU GAY?
THAT'S WHY I FEEL SO BAD ABOUT REIKO!


WITH A PAST LIKE THAT IT'S NO WONDER SHE'S SO STRONG NOW...
EHHHH?
SO THAT IS WHY THEY GOT DIVORCED...

IT'S REALLY A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL
MAN, AM I TIRED

BUT NOW I REALIZE THERE MIGHT BE MOUNTAINS OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW
I'VE NEVER BEEN INTERESTED IN ANYONE ELSE'S LIFE BEFORE.
MAYBE EVERYONE ON THE SURFACE LOOKS NORMAL BUT LEAD QUITE SHOCKING LIVES BENEATH IT.
What kind of life does that guy lead?
Why am I thinking about Gokokuji all of a sudden?
I've always been a discontent, but yet average high school student.
I thought this was the way life is supposed to be...
But now that I think of it.. I've never even really experienced falling in love.
He's always so confident that it's rather annoying.
Does a guy like him even know what loneliness feels like?

I'LL GIVE YOU A CALL SO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY.
AND DON'T WORRY, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME ON THE THINKING
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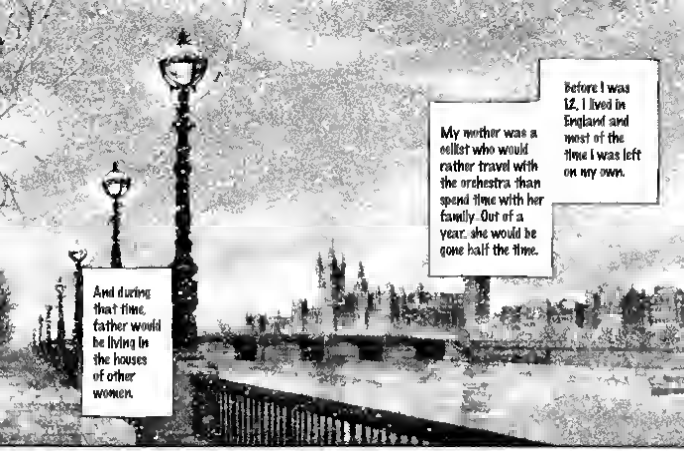
I WANT A CIGARETTE...
I REALLY WANT TO SMOKE... I HAVEN'T HAD A CIGARETTE IN HALF A YEAR ALREADY
I WANT TO GET DRUNK, BE AS LOUD AS I WANT AND THEN FALL ASLEEP WITH YOU AT THE END OF THE NIGHT
STUBBORN GIRL

THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST NOW
AND I QUIT SMOKING WITH YOU, SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S A HARD PRESENT FOR ME TO GIVE YOU
PAT
IT'S ENOUGH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CARE FOR ME
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE NOT RELATED TO ME IN ANY WAY
AKIRA
YOU'RE FROM A GOOD FAMILY
AND YOU'RE STILL A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
TO USE MONEY YOU GET FROM WOMEN TO FEED ANOTHER ONE ISN'T THE LIFE FOR YOU!

KUMIKO,
YOU KNOW I DO THIS PURELY FOR A SELFISH REASON
SO JUST HURRY UP AND GET BETTER SOON
YOU'RE MY ONLY FAMILY... HOW LONG ARE YOU PLANNING ON LETTING ME BE ALONE?
SORRY
THAT'S RIGHT...
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT
THE ONLY PERSON THAT GIVES ME THE FEELING OF FAMILY
OKAY
IS THIS UNLIKEABLE WOMAN WHO IS CONSTANTLY STUMBLING ALONG THE ROAD OF LIFE


Before I was 12, I lived in England and most of the time I was left on my own.
My mother was a cellist who would rather travel with the orchestra than spend time with her family. Out of a year, she would be gone half the time.
And during that time, father would be living in the houses of other women.

AFTER WE MOVED TO YOKOHAMA, AND I BECAME A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, BUT THINGS STAYED PRETTY MUCH THE SAME
ALL I HAD TO DO WAS PRETEND TO BE A GOOD STUDENT AND THEN REAP THE BENEFITS OF HAVING A REPUTATION LIKE THAT.

IT WAS A GAME TO THEM...
AND FROM THOSE WOMEN, I GOT THE WARMTH I NEEDED.

By the time I was old enough to mind what was going on, father had begun to take me out into society
Perhaps asian boys are rarity over there...
I soon found myself at the attention of bored and married rich ladies. I lost my virginity when I was 11.

She once told me her dream was to ride her bike in South Africa
She was a college student who was always hurt all over the place and loved bike racing.
I met Natsu at a convenience store near my house.
Geez, you look like you got beat up
Haha! I fell!
This is really popular so I saved you one!
Akira, you're here!
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I fell in love with her but I was afraid of whether or not I had the courage to accept it
Her enthusiasm and voraciousness for life... was something I never encountered before in a woman.
The first time I slept with her I was only a kid in ninth grade.
What? Was that your first time?
Um no... that's not re
JUST SEEING MYSELF REFLECTED IN HER EYES MADE ME HAPPY

BUT THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE ALREADY
I DIDN'T MEAN TO LIE TO YOU
SO-KRY
But when autumn came, her smile disappeared from her face.
BUT THE ONLY THING I DIDN'T NOTICE WAS THAT THE MAN SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH WAS MY FATHER.
WHA
WHO ?
HER FACE WAS NEVER HURT ANY-MORE AND SHE STARTED TO PUT ON MAKE UP....
I NOTICED HER CHA-NGES TOO
THE APRON AROUND HER WAIST THAT SIGNALED SHE WAS READY TO SETTLE DOWN DIDN'T SEEM TO SUIT EITHER OF US
I STILL LOVE HIM! I WON'T ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVE-NESS!
EVEN IF HE HAS A WIFE AND EVEN NO MATTER HOW BADLY YOU THINK OF ME...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY!
Passionate to the point of crazed... She was still beautiful, but her's was a face I didn't recognize anymore...
That uneasy look and sorrowful cry...

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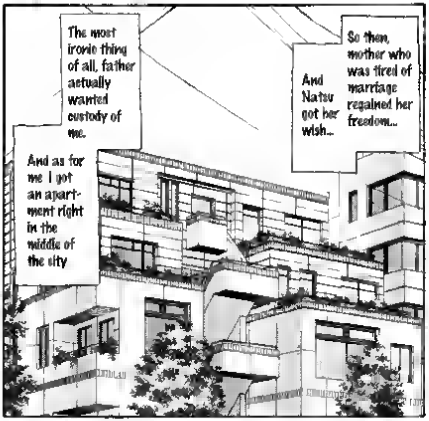
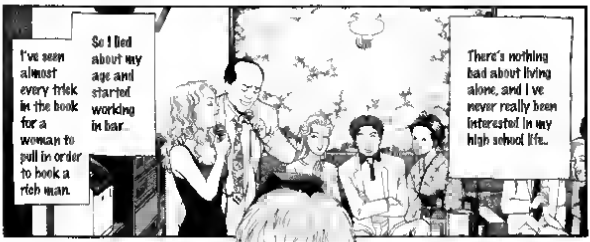

The most ironic thing of all, father actually wanted custody of me.
And as for me I got an apartment right in the middle of the city
And Natsu got her wish...
So then, mother who was tired of marriage regained her freedom...

THE WOMAN STANDING IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW WAS A STRANGER

I COULDN'T EVEN CRY FOR MYSELF BECAUSE NO TEARS WOULD COME OUT


I've seen almost every trick in the book for a woman to pull in order to hook a rich man.
So I lied about my age and started working in bar.
There's nothing bad about living alone, and I've never really been interested in my high school life..

THE CONSTANT FEUDING BETWEEN THE GIRLS

TRYING TO STEAL EACH OTHER'S CUSTOMERS—

IT'S MORE INTERESTING THAN WATCHING A BORING PRIME TIME DRAMA

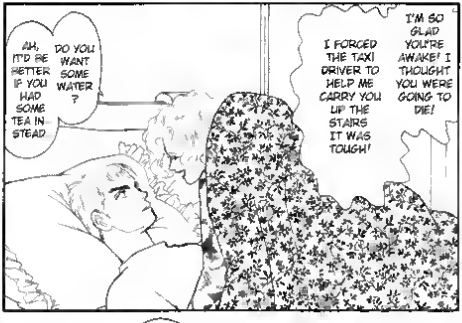
THIS WORLD BUILT ON MONEY AND LIES FELT MORE REAL TO ME IT'S FUNNY THE WAY HOW THINGS TURN OUT—

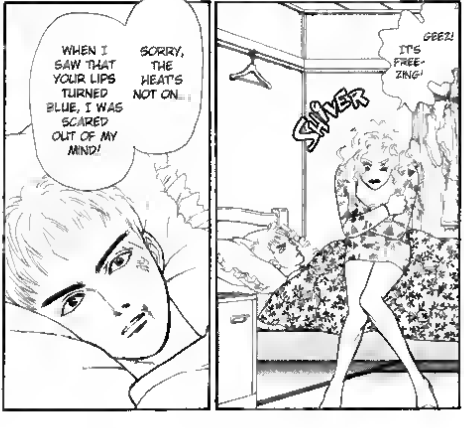
MEN ABOUT AS TRUSTWORTHY AS YOU CAN THROW THEM

WOMEN CRYING THEIR HEARTS OUT—

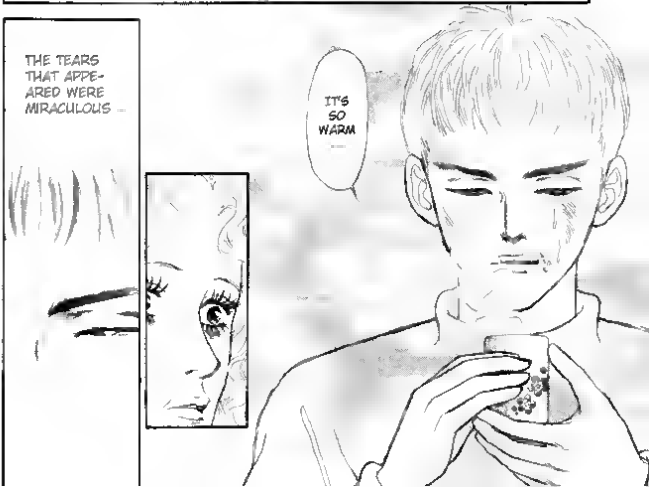
TAKE IT FROM ME NEVER TOUCH A WOMAN WHO IS GIVING ALL HER MONEY TO HER PIMP OF A BOYFRIEND
ESPECIALLY IF HE'S AN EX-BOXER AND BELONGS IN A GANG TOO
MOTHER-FUCKER!
DON'T LET ME CATCH YOUR ASS WITH HER AGAIN!
I was in so much pain that everything became a blur...
And I thought I was just going to die here on the streets.
It was so cold...
YOU FUCKIN' BASTARD! GO TO HELL!!
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU LOVED ME? YOU LIAR!!
YOU'RE USING MY FUCKIN' MONEY TO SUPPORT ANOTHER WOMAN, AREN'T YOU!?
SHUT UP! I'M TIRED OF LOOKING AT YOUR UGLY ASS FACE!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH! ENOUGH !!
ALL MEN ARE ASS-HOLES!!
WA...
AND YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WITH ME...
YOU LIAR!! IT WAS ALL LIES!
YOU'LL FREEZE TO DEATH IF YOU PASS OUT HERE!
WAIT... OH NO!
When I woke up the only thing I saw was a huge face staring down at me.
I thought she must be one of the hostesses working at a place nearby before I lost consciousness.
It was a face I've never seen before.

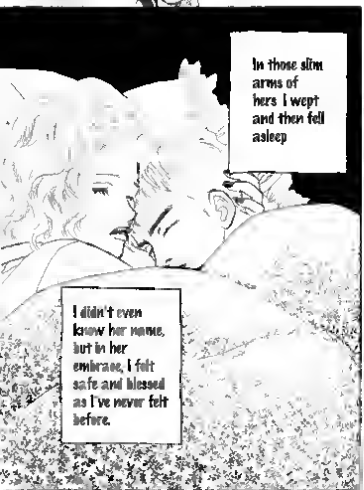

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE AWAKE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO DIE!
I FORCED THE TAXI DRIVER TO HELP ME CARRY YOU UP THE STAIRS IT WAS TOUGH!
DO YOU WANT SOME WATER?
AH, IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU HAD SOME TEA INSTEAD

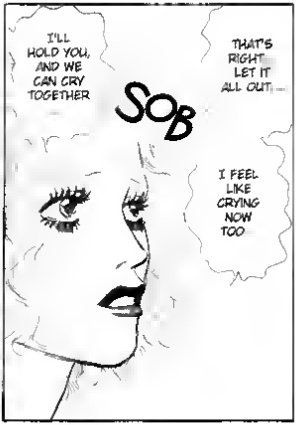

WHEN I SAW THAT YOUR LIPS TURNED BLUE, I WAS SCARED OUT OF MY MIND!
SORRY, THE HEAT'S NOT ON.
GEEZ! IT'S FREE-ZING!
SHIVER

HERE HAVE SOME TEA.
CAREFUL IT'S HOT


THE TEARS THAT APPEARED WERE MIRACULOUS
IT'S SO WARM

I THINK THESE TEARS WERE THE ONES THAT I SHOULD HAVE BUT NEVER CRIED
OUT OF NOWHERE THEY KEPT FLOWING
AND THE WARMTH I FELT FILLED A HOLE WITHIN ME THAT I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW EXISTED
AND IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT AND VERY SECOND, I WAS ABLE TO LET GO ALL OF THOSE PAST MEMORIES


In those slim arms of hers I wept and then fell asleep
I didn't even know her name, but in her embrace, I felt safe and blessed as I've never felt before.


I'LL HOLD YOU, AND WE CAN CRY TOGETHER
SOB
THAT'S RIGHT LET IT ALL OUT
I FEEL LIKE CRYING NOW TOO

I didn't care about whether or not she was a hostess..
Or about how bad her past was...
But I know from that moment on... She was my reason for existing...
I still haven't thought of why...
SHE WOULD STAY BY MY SIDE
Yum!
ALL I HOPED WAS...
WE WOULD HAVE DINNER TOGETHER.
AND THEN TALK ABOUT NOTHING PARTICULAR AT ALL UNTIL WE WOULD BOTH FALL ASLEEP
THERE WASN'T ANY SEX BETWEEN US BECAUSE IT JUST WASN'T NECESSARY.
Then I would go from her house to the bar for work..
I would go from her house to school..
And from there began our strange life together..
Give me a break. I have class tomorrow!
Hey, listen to me!
There was this really annoying guy today
And then try to get off when she would so we could walk home together.

<SFX COUGHING>
Our relationship was very much like being in love, but we both knew that that wasn't it
Based on our trust the security we gave each other and dependency... We grew closer together
I love it when you cook! <3
I'm off today so you have to come shopping with me!
Hey, that's dangerous
It was like finally finding the family I never had

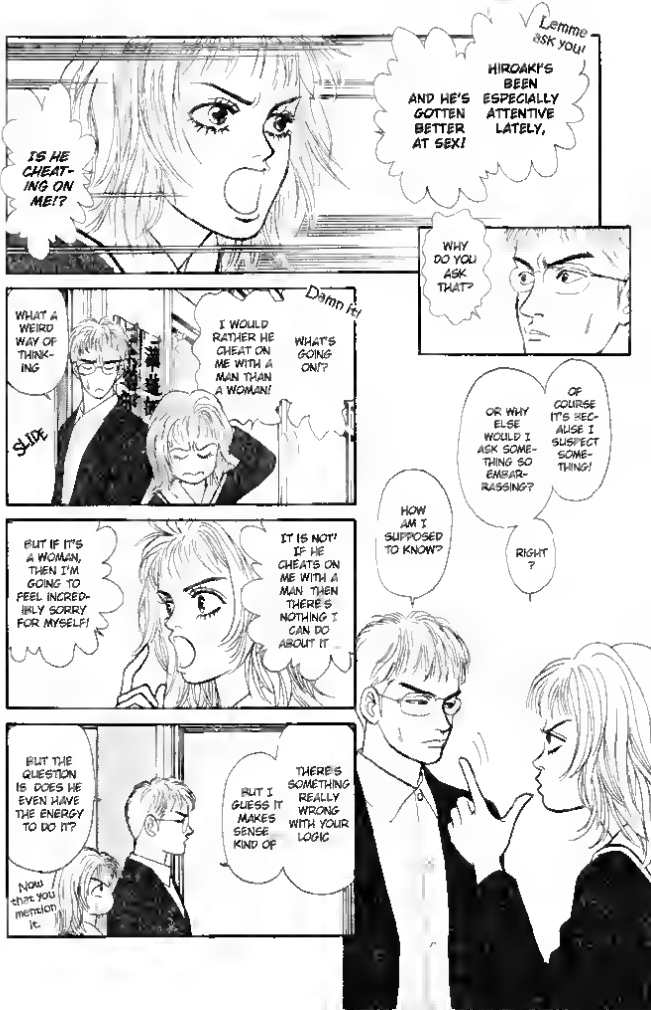
OUR HAPPINESS WAS CUT SHORT IN FIVE MONTHS

THEY FOUND TUMOR SPREADING IN HER LUNGS

AND THEN ON HER CHEST, THERE WERE TWO SCARS

Watching her wave goodbye from that window...
sets off an uneasy feeling within me that rises to my throat
I CAN'T HELP BUT LET OUT A SIGH
THEN WHEN I GET HOME...
Every time I visit her, I end up feeling this way
Loneliness that I've never felt before swallows me whole, and I can't help but feel like crying.
I don't want to go out or talk to anyone
and nor do I feel like eating.
I know I don't want to be alone, but I don't want to see anyone either..

HIROAKI SEEMS REALLY INTERESTED IN WINE LATELY...
Isn't that weird?
SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL LONELY...
I NEVER UNDERSTOOD UNTIL NOW...
AND THE WEIRDEST THING IS HE MENTIONED OFFHAND THAT POPULAR HOSTESSES HAVE TO SLEEP WITH THEIR CUSTOMERS EVEN IF THEY DON'T WANT TO STAY POPULAR
HE'S BEEN REALLY LIVELY LATELY TOO
AND WHETHER YOU NEEDED TO GET INTO A GOOD LITERARY COLLEGE TO BE AN EDITOR
WHERE THE SCENARY ATMOSPHERE AND FOOD ARE GOOD AND STILL BE BACK WITHIN A DAY
AND HE KEEPS ASKING ME WHERE WE CAN GO ON A TRIP...
HE ALSO ASKED ME ON HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING A PASSPORT
THE DAY AFTER.
IT'S NOT SO BAD BEING WITH MIHO KOISUMI
But with a personality like that, Takeda must have a tough
BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST LIKE A WALKING COMPUTER!
BUT IT'S A GOOD THING THAT YOU'RE HERE TO HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS.


Lemme ask you!
HIROAKI'S BEEN ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE LATELY,
AND HE'S GOTTEN BETTER AT SEX!
IS HE CHEATING ON ME!?
WHY DO YOU ASK THAT?
Damn it!
WHAT A WEIRD WAY OF THINKING
I WOULD RATHER HE CHEAT ON ME WITH A MAN THAN A WOMAN!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
SLIDE
OF COURSE IT'S BECAUSE I SUSPECT SOMETHING!
OR WHY ELSE WOULD I ASK SOMETHING SO EMBARRASSING?
RIGHT?
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW?
BUT IF IT'S A WOMAN, THEN I'M GOING TO FEEL INCREDIBLY SORRY FOR MYSELF!
IT IS NOT' IF HE CHEATS ON ME WITH A MAN THEN THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
BUT THE QUESTION IS DOES HE EVEN HAVE THE ENERGY TO DO IT?
Now that you mention it.
BUT I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE KIND OF
THERE'S SOMETHING REALLY WRONG WITH YOUR LOGIC

I DON'T CARE IF YOU THINK THAT I'M OVER-REACTING BUT IF SOMETHING REALLY DOES HAPPEN
WHO'S GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE WHEN I HAVE TO GO COLD TURKEY?
YOU? ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE CARE OF ME WHEN I'M FEELING HORNY!?
BUT JUST REMEMBER THAT GUYS DON'T LIKE UNTRUSTING GIRLFRIENDS IN GENERAL
IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF HIM
Turns out she's a puppy dog not a cat.
TAKEDA MUST LIKE HER BECAUSE SHE HAS QUALITIES HE DOESN'T HAVE
If only she put her energy in the right place
I can't put my finger on it, but she really reminds me of someone
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT GUY WOULD BE INTO SUCH PEPPY GIRLS
I SORT OF UNDERSTAND WHAT TAKEDA GOES THROUGH NOW
THANKS FOR LUNCH I'M SURE YOU'D BE MARRIED ALREADY IF IT WAS BASED ON COOKING ALONE
OTHER THAN MONDAY, I NEED TO STUDY SO PLEASE DON'T COME LOOK FOR ME
In other words I don't want to see you
GOT IT NO PROBLEM! SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!

Bed?
Or dinner?
SO WE MEET AGAIN, KID
It depends on you

THANKS JUST TRYING TO KEEP UP.
Oh? NOT BAD, KID
GEEZ.
I CAN'T HELP IT, I HAD TO STAY UP
SO? NOT BAD, HUH?
I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN 40 HOURS ALREADY
YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY HOT TODAY.
I FEEL LIKE I SHOULD BE GIVING YOU MONEY INSTEAD.
FLICK
SHICK!

I'M SO TIRED
LET'S DO SOMETHING EXCITING
I KNOW! SINCE YOU'RE SO WILLING TO PLAY ALONG—
HOW ABOUT SOME SEX TO SPICE THINGS UP KID?
I'M SORRY, I WAS TOO COCKY
YOU WIN
WHAT? ADMITTING DEFEAT ALREADY?
HOW ARE YOU GOING KEEP UP WITH ME IF YOU GIVE UP SO EASILY?
WHAT?
IS THERE SOMETHING ON MY FACE?

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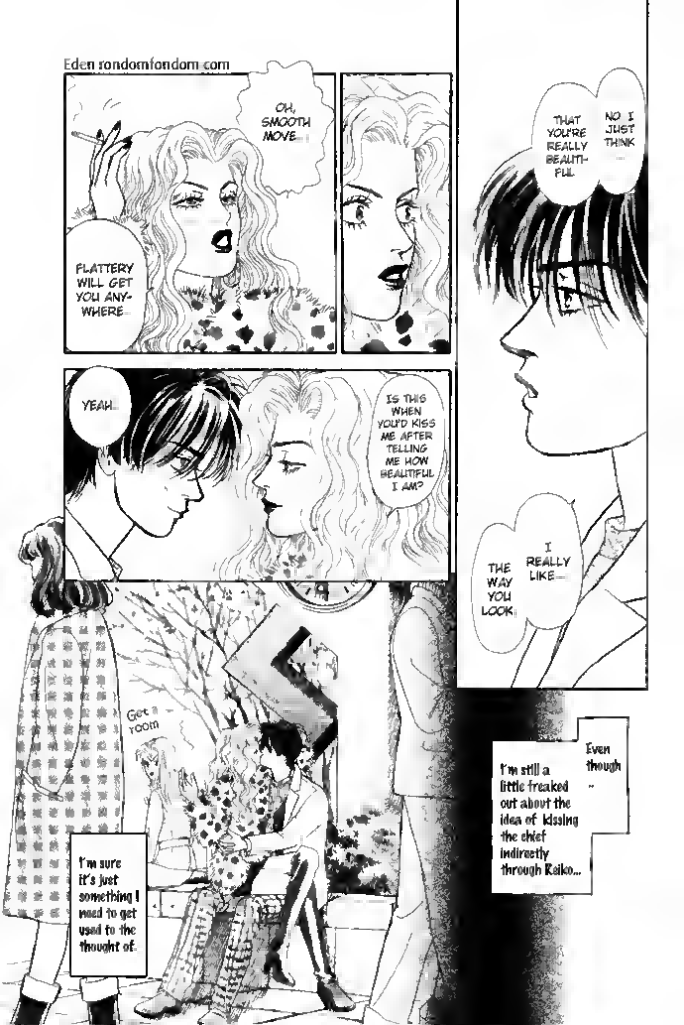
OH, SMOOTH MOVE...
FLATTERY WILL GET YOU ANY-WHERE...
NO, I JUST THINK...
THAT YOU'RE REALLY BEAUTI-FUL
I REALLY LIKE... THE WAY YOU LOOK.
YEAH...
IS THIS WHEN YOU'D KISS ME AFTER TELLING ME HOW BEAUTIFUL I AM?
Get a room
I'm sure it's just something I need to get used to the thought of.
I'm still a little freaked out about the idea of kissing the chief indirectly through Reiko...
Even though...

Ahhh... forget it I shouldn't think about this stuff anymore. I definitely have to give it my all tonight and learn some new techniques along the way
Although I can't imagine how they ended up getting married to each other...
Neither of them seems like the type to go for arranged marriages, so they must have gotten married because they fell in love.
AS MUCH AS WE CAN TODAY BECAUSE I BROUGHT SOMETHING TO SOBER ME UP
BLOWFISH SOUNDS GOOD AND WE CAN DRINK
WITH SOME GOOD SAKE IT'LL WARM US RIGHT UP!
ON COLD DAYS LIKE THIS WE SHOULD DEFINITELY EAT BLOWFISH SASHIMI
JUST WRITING "CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS" HAS ME BUSTING MY ASS ALREADY!
I'M TIRED AS HELL! I NEVER SAID I WAS GOING TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL!
OH COME ON, REIKO... WE'RE ON THE LAST EPISODE ALREADY...
That's right! I'm going to be great tonight!
EVERYTHING'S GOING BETTER THAN LAST TIME ALREADY. JUST THAT KISS EARLIER HAS ME LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE NIGHT.
SO I'M SURE THE RATINGS WILL BE SKY HIGH!
HEY REIKO, HOW'S THE NEW YEAR'S SPECIAL GOING? I JUST RE'D SOME OF THE MATERIALS FOR IT,
ARE YOU HERE TO EAT BLOWFISH TOO?
OH, REIKO-SAN!

WHAT!? SAY THAT AGAIN?
FUJITA IS IN THE HOSPITAL!? BUT WE'RE NOT DONE FILMING YET!
RING RING
HELLO ?
I just know that someone wants me to do something for them!
SHIT, WHOEVER INVENTED CELL PHONES SHOULD BE DRAGGED OUT AND SHOT
SO SHE'S A SCRIPT-WRITER.
"CHRISTMAS WEDDING", HUH I WATCH THAT SHOW TOO
LIM... GOOD LUCK
<TEXT SAVE ME>
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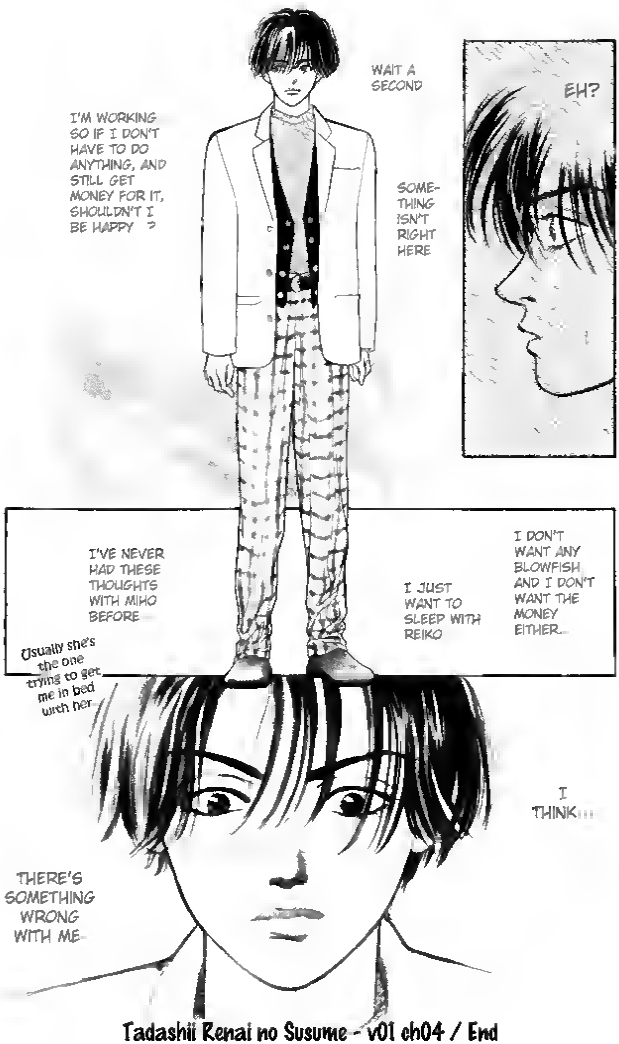
PLEASE! REIKO, LOVE OF MY LIFE!!
NO! I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN 40 HOURS ALREADY!
I'M NOT RE-WRITING THE SCRIPT!!

I JUST FINISHED, DON'T MAKE ME GO BAAAACK!
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE ME A BREAK!?
GIVE ME A BREAK! I WANTED TO EAT BLOW-FISH TOO!
SORRY, I REALLY WANTED TO EAT WITH YOU
BUT I HAVE TO GO
I DON'T WANT ANY BLOW-FISH!
AND I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT THE MONEY EITHER!
I WANTED TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU!!
Takhhh
NO!
WHY DON'T YOU CALL A FRIEND OUT TO HAVE SOME BLOWFISH WITH YOU!? IT'LL BE ON ME
DON'T WORRY I'LL STILL PAY YOU FOR THE DATE


I'M WORKING SO IF I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING, AND STILL GET MONEY FOR IT, SHOULDN'T I BE HAPPY ?
WAIT A SECOND
SOME-THING ISN'T RIGHT HERE
EH?
I'VE NEVER HAD THESE THOUGHTS WITH MIHO BEFORE...
I JUST WANT TO SLEEP WITH REIKO
I DON'T WANT ANY BLOWFISH AND I DON'T WANT THE MONEY EITHER...
Usually she's the one trying to get me in bed urch her
I THINK...
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME...

The Guide to a Perfect Love

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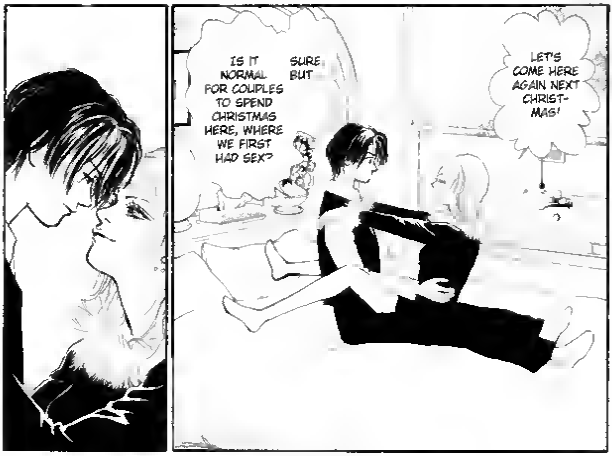
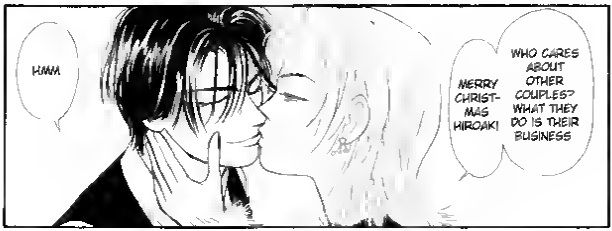
The best days to spend with your girlfriend. No. 1 — Each other's birthdays.
SO? LIKE THEM?
No. 2 — Christmas Eve
YEAH, THOSE EARRINGS ARE REALLY CUTE
THAT OUTFIT LOOKS GREAT TOO
No. 3 — New Year's, Valentine s day, festivals trips to the beach and etc.


IS IT NORMAL FOR COUPLES TO SPEND CHRISTMAS HERE, WHERE WE FIRST HAD SEX?
SURE, BUT
LET'S COME HERE AGAIN NEXT CHRIST-MAS!


HMM
MERRY CHRIST-MAS HIROAK!
WHO CARES ABOUT OTHER COUPLES? WHAT THEY DO IS THEIR BUSINESS

ALTHOUGH MIHO .. CAN SOMETIMES BE EXTREMELY SEXY! SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN REALLY CUTE.
HMM?
WEIRD
WHAT'S WRONG?
W
W-WAIT!
NO!
DON'T STOP!
AHH!
AHH ...!
OOH! IT FEELS SO WEIRD ..
DRAT, ARE YOU AN IDIOT!? WHY DID YOU STOP FOR!?

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Are you okay...?
TH
THAT WAS GREAT!
FOR THE FIRST TIME...
I, MIHO KOISUMI, 17 YEARS OLD JUST HAD THE BEST SEXUAL EXPERIENCE EVER!
AWARD FOR BEST SUPPORTING ROLE IS HIROAKI!
YAAAY, YOU'VE GOTTEN REALLY GOOD IN BED LATELY! I'M SO PROUD OF YOU HUBBY!
I THINK
UH THANKS...
YOU USED TO FEEL GOOD TOO...
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?
Wow, that sounds nice I'm starting to get jealous.
IT FEELS SO GOOD...
OHH MY BODY STILL FEELS SO LIGHT IT'S LIKE I'M FLOATING ON AIR...

BUT THIS TIME, IT FELT LIKE FIRE-CRACKERS!
BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BAM, BOOM!
ONE SHOT... BAM! AND IT'S OVER.
OF COURSE THERE'S A DIFFERENCE! IT USED TO FEEL LIKE A ROCKET...
IT'S JUST THAT
THERE'S SOMETHING STIRRING IN MY HEART
and our relationship is better than ever..
I still think she's very cute,
It's not as if I'm tired of Miho..
That's right
Bye! Be careful on the way back!

SO...
HER NAME IS REIKO MISAKI...
WOW, TO THINK I HAD SEX WITH A CELEBRITY
click
CHRISTMAS WEDDING
Screenplay Reiko Misaki
Casting Shunji Iwaishi
So what's the new year's special they were talking about?
Oh, I see... a three part mini-series called "Scenery of that Moment" written by Reiko Misaki...
I'm sorry, Miho
BUT I REALLY SHOULDN'T THINK ABOUT ANOTHER WOMAN AFTER I JUST HAD SEX WITH MIHO...
IT MIGHT BE KIND OF POINTLESS FOR ME NOW TO BE CONSIDERATE
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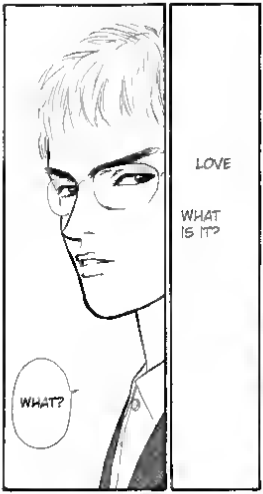
WHAT?
LOVE
WHAT IS IT?

I wonder if this would be considered love...
Whenever I'm alone, I can't help but think about Reiko...
It's kind of weird that I'm very experienced with sex, but when it comes to love... I'm practically clueless

THERE'S A LOT OF BORED WOMEN OUT THERE THAT HAVEN'T GONE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS
THIS IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE YEAR, SO THE CHIEF SAID TO CARRY YOUR CELL AROUND AT ALL TIMES

UM... NOTHING

OKAY SO PARTY WITH A CLIENT ON THE 28TH
IT JUST SEEMS REALLY BUSY LATELY

IF I ASK HIM IF HE'S EVER FALLEN IN LOVE BEFORE
HE'LL DEFINITELY LAUGH AT ME
YEAH, OKAY.
ALL WORK AND NO PLAY, HUH?
SORRY I CAN'T I HAVE TO GO PRAY AT MEIJI SHRINE
FORGET IT GUYS WITH GIRLFRIENDS DON'T WANNA HANG OUT WITH US LOSERS
YO, TAKEDA! ARE YOU GOING WITH US TO YOKOHAMA FOR NEW YEAR'S?
KYAAA! A FORBIDDEN LOVE BLOSSOMING IN OUR VERY OWN SCHOOL LIBRARY!
YOU! TURNIN HOMO ON US, TAKEDA? YOU'VE BEEN PRETTY CLOSE WITH GOKOKUJI LATELY
POOR MIHO! WOULDN'T THAT MAKE HER THE THIRD WHEEL IN THE RELATION-SHIP?
I ASKED HIM TO RECOMMEND ME A FEW BOOKS SO WHAT?
Attention all students we will now be commencing the closing ceremony.
Please assemble in the gym

LOOK, LOOK!
ISN'T MY SKIN SMOOTH AND SHINY?

GLOMP
HiRoaki!

YEAH YOU CAN'T JUST JUDGE SOMEONE BY THEIR LOOKS MIHO!
FOR EXAMPLE THERE'S ALSO LOVE AND HOW GOOD HE'S IN BED...
Hmph!
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT HIM ANY-WAYS?
GIVE US A BREAK MIHO, AND STOP BEING SO LOVEY DOVEY

<SFX HEHEH>

I THINK

SPEECHLESS
MIHO !!!
WHAT? I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING WRONG!

THIS IS WHERE YOU GUYS ARE MISSING OUT NOT ONLY IS HIROAKI GOOD LOOKING, HE'S ALSO FANTASTIC IN BED!
HOW ABOUT IT? I'LL GIVE YOU SPECIAL PERMISSION TO TRY HIM OUT YOU ONLY HAVE TO HAVE SEX WITH HIM ONCE TO KNOW HOW GREAT HE IS!

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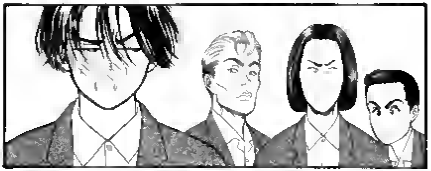


NOW I KNOW WHY YOU'RE GOING TO A SHRINE FOR NEW YEAR'S. PRAY FOR SOME FERTILITY FOR ME TOO!
ALRIGHT, YOU SEX MASTER, SEE YA NEXT YEAR!

MIHO'S GOING TO MAKE ME THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF THE SCHOOL

HA, HA YOUR GIRL-FRIEND IS REALLY SOMETHING
STOP LAUGHING! IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FUNNY IF IT WAS HAPPENING TO SOMEONE ELSE BUT THIS IS ME WE'RE TALKING ABOUT... RYOUKO!
HA HA HA
SO DO THEY ALL CALL YOU SEX MASTER NOW?
EH ? IS THAT A BAD THING?
I GUESS IT IS KIND OF WEIRD— IT FEELS I'M A LITTLE KID OVER ON A SLUMBER PARTY
HIROAKI, YOU'RE REALLY INTERESTING TOO THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE S TALKED ABOUT THEIR GIRLFRIEND ON THE JOB
GOT IN WITH A BAD CROWD AND ENDED UP STARRING IN A FEW ADULT VIDEOS — NOW I CAN'T EVEN GO HOME ANYMORE
I STARTED LIVING WITH A GUY SINCE I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN MOVED TO TOKYO
I'M REALLY GLAD YOU'RE TALKING TO ME LIKE A FRIEND—

"IT'S HARD BEING WOMAN AND ALL ALONE "
I RECALLED WHAT THE CHIEF SAID ONE TIME

THINKING ABOUT THAT, I STARTED TO FEEL SAD AND HELD RYOUKO'S HAND

SHE HELD MINE IN RETURN

AND THE BOTH OF US COMFORTED EACH OTHER.

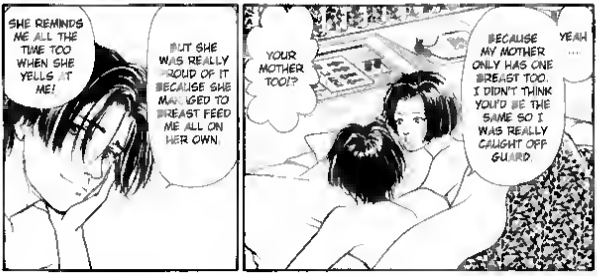
TO EASE THE LONELINESS IN HER HEART,

I HELD HER IN MY ARMS

AND THEN, LAID A KISS ON HER FOREHEAD

SO THAT SHE COULD FALL ASLEEP

But most clients weren't like that
If they just wanted a quick romp in the sheets, it was easy.. like a workout you'd think nothing of afterwards...
Those lonely in the body.. or in the heart
After getting into this business, I realized there were only two types of women who paid for men...
I honestly never knew there were so many lonely women out there.
I also discovered that women who seek comfort from sex are loneliest ones of all...
THAT I ONLY HAD ONE BREAST
IT SCARED YOU DIDN'T IT?
I think the reason why Gokokuji said that we sold love is because he's seen too many lonely women.

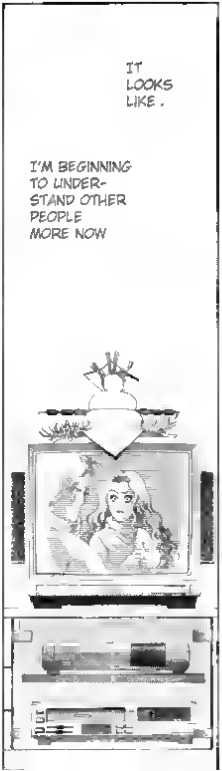

SHE REMINDS ME ALL THE TIME TOO WHEN SHE YELLS AT ME!
BUT SHE WAS REALLY PROUD OF IT BECAUSE SHE MANAGED TO BREAST FEED ME ALL ON HER OWN.
YOUR MOTHER TOO!?
YEAH ....
BECAUSE MY MOTHER ONLY HAS ONE BREAST TOO. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE THE SAME SO I WAS REALLY CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

But I hope my lies will make you feel better about yourself and give you the self-esteem that you need.
@BEFORE SHE GOT MARRIED ?
UM... WAS SHE LIKE THAT
Sorry. I can only give you false love and comfort
and tell you the lies you want to hear.

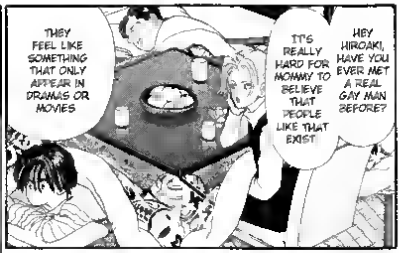
HER HUSBAND IS GAY!
OH MY GOD, IT'S FINALLY OUT OF THE CLOSET!

I wonder how much of this drama is what really happened
And how does the chief feel after seeing this?
THIS FEELS WEIRD... LIKE THE TIME WHEN MIHO AND I SAW THE NAME OF SOMEONE WE KNEW IN A LOVE HOTEL'S GUESTBOOK
THE MAIN CHARACTER REIKO MADE UP REALLY SOUNDS LIKE HERSELF

IF I WAS THAT WOMAN, I'D DEFINITELY HAVE AN AFFAIR TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER!
I GUESS YOU HAVE TO BE REALLY SOMETHING TO BECOME A SCREENWRITER. HAVING TO EXPOSE AND RELATE YOUR OWN LIFE TO THE PUBLIC...


IT LOOKS LIKE.
I'M BEGINNING TO UNDER-STAND OTHER PEOPLE MORE NOW

SORRY MOM. YOU TRIED YOUR HARDEST TO RAISE ME THE BEST YOU CAN AND I STILL DON'T FEEL GUILTY.
I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M DOING ANYTHING WRONG
RING RING
THE CELL PHONE IS RINGING
YES IT'S ME... HIROAKI
Hiroaki! Are you free today? An emergency has come up!


THEY FEEL LIKE SOMETHING THAT ONLY APPEAR IN DRAMAS OR MOVIES
IT'S REALLY HARD FOR MOMMY TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE LIKE THAT EXIST
HEY HIROAKI, HAVE YOU EVER MET A REAL GAY MAN BEFORE?

OF COURSE I HAVE... AND I KNOW HIM TOO
SO I'M PRETTY SURE IF DRAG QUEENS EXIST SO DO GAY PEOPLE
I KNEW SOMEONE IN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL THAT WAS A DRAG QUEEN

IT'S HARD TO GUESS WHAT MIHO'S REACTION WOULD BE THOUGH. I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHETHER SHE'D BE MAD, SURPRISED OR THINK IT'S INTERESTING

IF MOM KNEW WHAT I WAS WORKING AS,

I CAN JUST IMAGINE HOW ANGRY SHE'D GET

BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE'D DEFINITELY SAY

but she insists that she wants to go with you
I've got her a reservation at the resturant
Reiko keeps complainin' that she wants to eat blowfish!
I'M FREE RIGHT NOW, BUT I DON'T WANT TO TAKE HER MONEY AGAIN IF SHE DOESN'T WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH ME LIKE LAST TIME
No! Work is work!
You'll take the money and like it! This is no time to be a bleeding heart!
And you better do a good job on this one, or else I won't let you have jobs with Reiko anymore!
OF COURSE! REIKO IS MY BEST FRIEND
A LITTLE HARD ON HIROAKI, AREN'T YOU?
I HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR HER
WOW—

GEEZ, THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING STRAIGHT OUT OF A HISTORIC DRAMA...
EXCUSE ME! YOUR FRIEND IS HERE..
YOUR FRIEND JUST ARRIVED TOO.
HAPPY NEW YEAR.
REIKO YOU LOOK SO PRETTY

OH!
HAPPY NEW YEAR
Whew.
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS BEFORE SO I WAS REALLY NERVOUS!
GOD WHAT A SURPRISE!
PLEASE DO
CAN I RELAX?
WHERE THE NEXT ROOM HAS A BED AND PILLOWS LAID OUT ON THE FLOOR, RIGHT?
AND OH RIGHT! THIS PLACE WOULDN'T BE JUST LIKE THE MOVIES
REIKO YOU LOOK REALLY BEAUTIFUL AND SEXY IN A KIMONO

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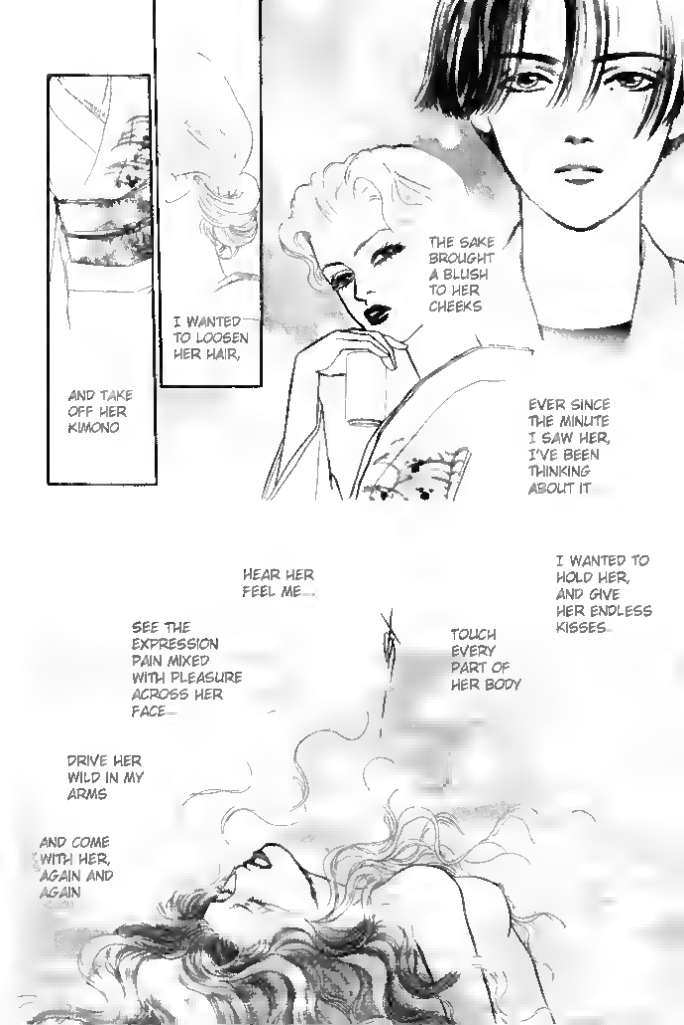
I WAS RIGHT —
NO WAY —
YOU DON'T LIKE TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SETTINGS?
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THIS KIND OF ATMOSPHERE IT GETS ME EXCITED
ESPECIALLY DURING NEW YEAR.

SO?
HA HA, YOU'RE SO CUTE
JUST WAIT
YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT
MY HEART IS POUNDING RIGHT NOW
PLEASE ENJOY
USING SHABU SHABU'S SOUP TO COOK OTHER DISHES IS FANTASTIC!
OH...THIS IS HEAVENLY! BLOWFISH SASHIMI, TETCHIRI, ZOSUI ... IS PERFECT WITH FIN SAKE

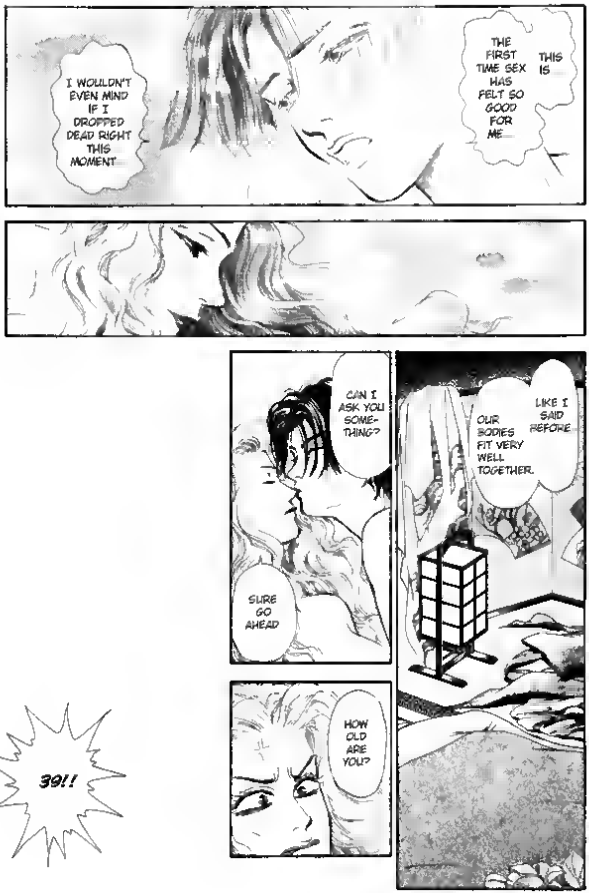
Note: Shabu Shabu is a dish where raw meat and raw vegetables are boiled at each dinner and served with sauces like sesame sauce or soy sauce and egg.

Note: Sashimi is served raw. tetchiri is cooked in a hot pot (shabu shabu) and zosui is a rice porridge made with leftover hot pot broth. Fin-sake is just rice wine


THE SAKE BROUGHT A BLUSH TO HER CHEEKS
EVER SINCE THE MINUTE I SAW HER, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT
I WANTED TO LOOSEN HER HAIR,
AND TAKE OFF HER KIMONO
I WANTED TO HOLD HER, AND GIVE HER ENDLESS KISSES...
HEAR HER FEEL ME...
TOUCH EVERY PART OF HER BODY
SEE THE EXPRESSION PAIN MIXED WITH PLEASURE ACROSS HER FACE...
DRIVE HER WILD IN MY ARMS
AND COME WITH HER, AGAIN AND AGAIN

I TOLD YOU I WASN'T FEELING WELL LAST TIME
I'M REALLY HORNY RIGHT NOW...
WHAT'S WITH YOU... TODAY?
THIS FEELS DIFFERENT FROM LAST TIME
HORNY THAT KIND OF WORD COMING FROM YOUR MOUTH DOESN'T SUIT YOU
YOU'RE SO MUCH CUTER WHEN YOU DON'T TRY TO TALK DIRTY
I SAW THE LAST EPISODE OF "CHRISTMAS WEDDING" WHERE THE MAIN CHARACTER IS IN A CHURCH AND SHE...
STOP! I DON'T TALK ABOUT WORK WITH ME DURING A TIME LIKE THIS!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SO JUST CONCENTRATE ON ENJOYING YOURSELF...
AND I'LL PLEASE YOU UNTIL YOU BEG ME TO STOP.

AHH!
WHAT IS THIS FEELING...?
GOD...
IT FEELS SO GOOD
IT FEELS AS IF REIKO AND I HAVE BECOME ONE
TOGETHER FINALLY... AT LAST
IT'S OKAY... ME TOO
SORRY... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE


I WOULDN'T EVEN MIND IF I DROPPED DEAD RIGHT THIS MOMENT...
THE FIRST TIME SEX HAS FELT SO GOOD FOR ME... THIS IS
LIKE I SAID BEFORE OUR BODIES FIT VERY WELL TOGETHER.
CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE GO AHEAD
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
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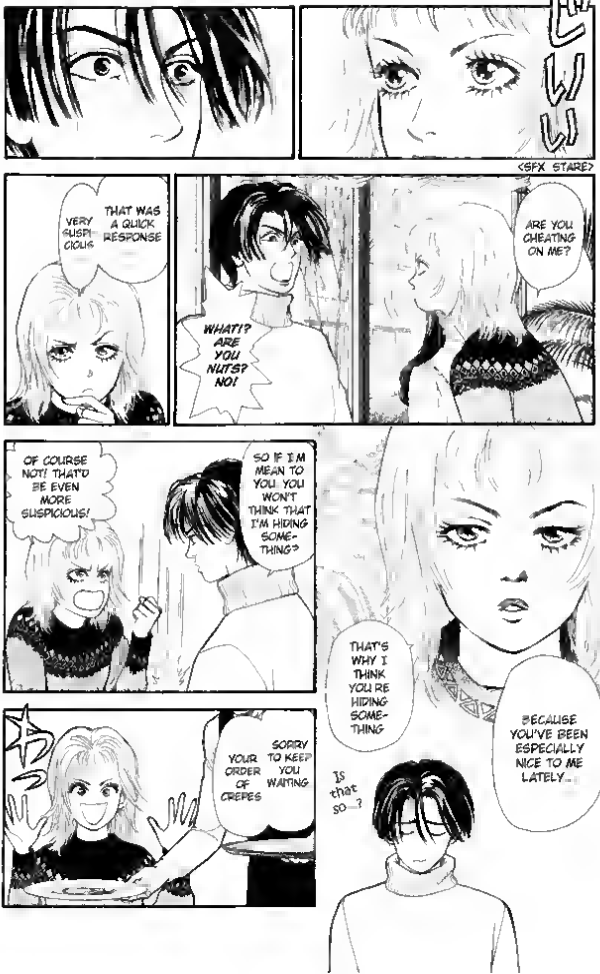
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ARE YOU CHEATING ON ME?
WHAT!? ARE YOU NUTS? NO!
THAT WAS A QUICK RESPONSE
VERY SUSPICIOUS
SO IF I'M MEAN TO YOU, YOU WON'T THINK THAT I'M HIDING SOMETHING?
OF COURSE NOT! THAT'D BE EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS!
BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN ESPECIALLY NICE TO ME LATELY...
THAT'S WHY I THINK YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING
Is that so...?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
YOUR ORDER OF CREPES

I ALSO MADE ICE CREAM YESTERDAY FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME AND PUT TONS OF FRUIT IN IT!
I LOVE MAKING CREPES AT HOME! YOU CAN MAKE A WHOLE BUNCH.
AND THEN STORE THEM IN THE FREEZER. YOU CAN WRAP ALL SORTS OF FOOD WITH THEM
WHAT ABOUT YOUR MOM?
DON'T YOU LIVE WITH HER?
MIHO, YOU LIKE COOKING AND YOU SEEM REALLY GOOD AT IT TOO
DID YOU LEARN ALL OF IT BY YOURSELF?
YUP! I'VE BEEN COOKING EVER SINCE I WAS A LITTLE GIRL.
I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS YEAR'S NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER THIS YEAR TOO!
IF MY MOM DID HOUSEWORK, WHO'D GO OUT AND WORK?
SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES HAVE IT REALLY TOUGH, YOU KNOW
REALLY...
I NEVER KNEW ABOUT THIS SIDE OF YOU, MIHO...
WHAT DOES YOUR MOM DO FOR A LIVING ANYWAY?
YOU'VE CHANGED!
YOU'RE A LOT MORE CARING AND LESS NONCHALANT NOW

YOU DON'T MEAN DINNER WITH YOUR MOM DO YOU?
UH... UM.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO MY HOUSE YET, SO I'LL PREPARE SUKIYAKI FOR YOU! SUKIYAKI!
OH, RIGHT! DO YOU WANT TO COME OVER MY HOUSE FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
Whether it's taking the train or sitting in a cafe, it's all very interesting.
Speaking of which, I haven't felt bored lately...
Are those two flirting because he's cheating on her?
Or because she wants to get married?
Because I didn't care, nothing was interesting and nothing caught my attention in the past.
For example, that couple over there... I would have never paid any attention to them before.
I'LL GO GIVE HER A CALL FIRST
OH, DON'T WORRY! MY MOM IS REALLY INTERESTING!
BUT THEY WOULDN'T STOP ASKING QUESTIONS AND IT WAS REALLY AWKWARD.
I'VE BEEN OVER TO A GIRL'S HOUSE TO MEET HER FAMILY ONCE BEFORE

Sorry Miho. Even I don't understand my own feelings right now
Reiko is very special to me, but is this what they call love..?
I only know this isn't just infatuation.
I think, maybe because I'm still young, that's why after being in Reiko's adult world, I was utterly attracted by it.
Oh! We need to buy radishes
JUST SEEING SOMEONE WITH THAT HAIRSTYLE MAKES MY HEART THUMP
Hm! I can use the leaves from this too
She's just like a housewife
My feelings for Miho.. are different from what I feel for Reiko
OR AM I REALLY FALLING IN LOVE WITH HER? AND HOW CAN YOU TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO?
COULD IT BE JUST PLAIN LUST
I'M REALLY WANT REIKO

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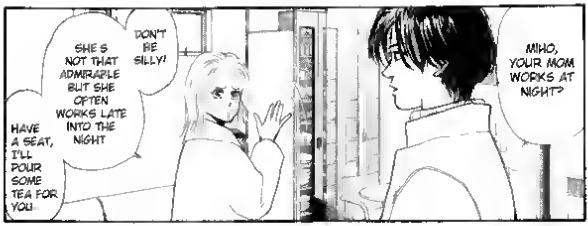
MIHO, YOUR MOM WORKS AT NIGHT?
DON'T BE SILLY!
SHE'S NOT THAT ADMIRABLE BUT SHE OFTEN WORKS LATE INTO THE NIGHT
HAVE A SEAT, I'LL POUR SOME TEA FOR YOU

OPEN
IT'S YOUR BOYFRIEND... WHY SHOULD I CARE?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH PAJAMAS? DON'T YOU DARE INSULT MY SACRED WORK UNIFORM.
AND IT'S NOT GOING TO KILL ANYONE IF I DON'T WASH MY FACE

AT LEAST YOU COULD STOP EMBARRASSING ME IN FRONT OF MY FRIENDS.
I can't stand you sometimes.
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS ACT LIKE A DIRTY OLD GEEZER WHEN YOU'RE WORKING.
GIVE ME A BREAK. YOU HAVEN'T EVEN REACHED MENOPAUSE YET
ANYWAYS, THE GUY OVER THERE SCARED STIFF IS HIROAKI TAKEDA
WE'RE IN THE SAME SCHOOL BUT DIFFERENT CLASS.

SHE WRITES UNDER THE PEN NAME OF REIKO MISAKI.
AND THIS SHAME-LESS WOMAN OVER HERE IS REIKO KOYSUMI
HOW CUTE ARE YOU! A VIRGIN HIROAKI?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN A WOMAN IN HER PAJAMAS BEFORE?
MIHO HE'S THE TYPE OF GUY THAT MOMMY LIKES
SHOULD I STEAL HIM AWAY FROM YOU?

I KNOW HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND.

BUT NO MATTER WHAT, I THINK HE'D BE PERFECT, SO I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

BUT HE NEVER ASKED ANYONE OUT. IT'S ALWAYS THE GIRLS THAT ASK HIM OUT.
THAT GUY'S BEEN AROUND. HE WENT OUT WITH 5 GIRLS ALREADY SINCE SCHOOL STARTED.
All of my friends said it was a pity to let him go.
ANYWAY, I'D THINK TWICE IF I WERE YOU.
IDIOT! WHY DID YOU DUMP HIM!?
WHAT!?
Of course I have a boyfriend too...
But that can be easily taken cared of.
SORRY!

THE MORE INFORMATION I GET THE BETTER!
BESIDES, I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF HIM, TEACHER.
BUT UM... SHOULDN'T YOU BE ASKING YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THIS INSTEAD?
HIS GRADES ARE USUALLY ABOVE AVERAGE...

HMMM...
HE'S NICE BUT KIND OF COLD TOWARDS THEM SO THAT MAKES THEM FEEL LONELY
BUT ALL HIS EX-GIRLFRIENDS SAY
I HEARD HE'S NEVER CHEATED ON ANYONE

PREPARATION COMPLETE! NOW I JUST HAVE TO MAKE MY MOVE...
II-A
HI!
I'M MIHO FROM CLASS 2-D!

GO TO GET!!
GOOD! A TYPE OF GUY LIKE HIM CAN'T RESIST AGAINST AN AGGRESSIVE ATTACK!
IF HE'LL GO OUT WITH A GIRL AS LONG AS SHE'S PRETTY, THEN I SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM!

WILL YOU HAVE LUNCH WITH ME SO I CAN GET TO KNOW YOU AND ASK YOU OUT?
UM. SORRY, BUT I
Hen hen
I KNOW, YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN RIGHT NOW
TO US CELEBRATE MEETING
LET'S ALL HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER!
YAAAY!
HI GUYS! I'M MIHO. NICE TO MEET YOU!
WAY TO GO HIROAKI!
EH?
My first impression of her ..
I thought she was cute, but really weird

I'M STILL A VIRGIN TOO SO I'D BE A GOOD CATCH!
I WENT ON PURE INSTINCT ALONE
No way
BUT HE ALREADY HAS A GIRL-FRIEND
WHAT!? YOU BROKE UP WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND FOR HIROAKI!?
OH THAT'S OKAY!
I WOULDN'T GO FOR A GUY NOBODY WANTED ANYWAY

<SFX BLAH BLAH, BLAH...>

BUT YOU HAVE LUNCH WITH HER EVERY AFTERNOON! WHY DON'T YOU SAY NO TO HER!?
I ALREADY TOLD HER I HAD A GIRL-FRIEND!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT FIRM ENOUGH WITH HER, THAT'S WHY SHE KEEPS CLINGING TO YOU!

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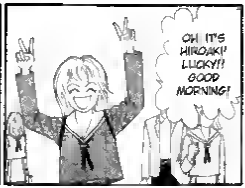

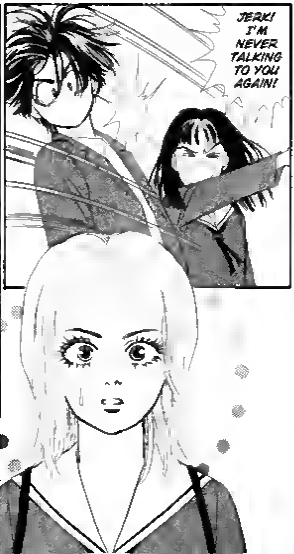

IT DOESN'T MATTER. MIHO'S PRETTY CUTE ANYWAY
SO NOW MIHO IS PROMOTED TO BE OFFICIALLY YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
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YUP!
OR ELSE WHY WOULD I WANT YOU AS MY BOY-FRIEND?
Didn't I tell you that before?
WHAT!? DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE REALLY A VIRGIN?
So just like that Hiroaki became my boyfriend
IT'S GREAT THAT WE'RE TOGETHER JUST IN TIME FOR MY BIRTHDAY
IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOMEONE GENTLE FOR YOUR FIRST TIME
On my 17th birth-day..
I experi-enced the pain of my first love.
OW!
THAT HURT LIKE HELL!
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Every time you send that fucking picture...
God kills a Dame-kun
Please, think of the Dame-kuns

Every time you masturbate...
God kills a kitten
Please, think of the kittens